

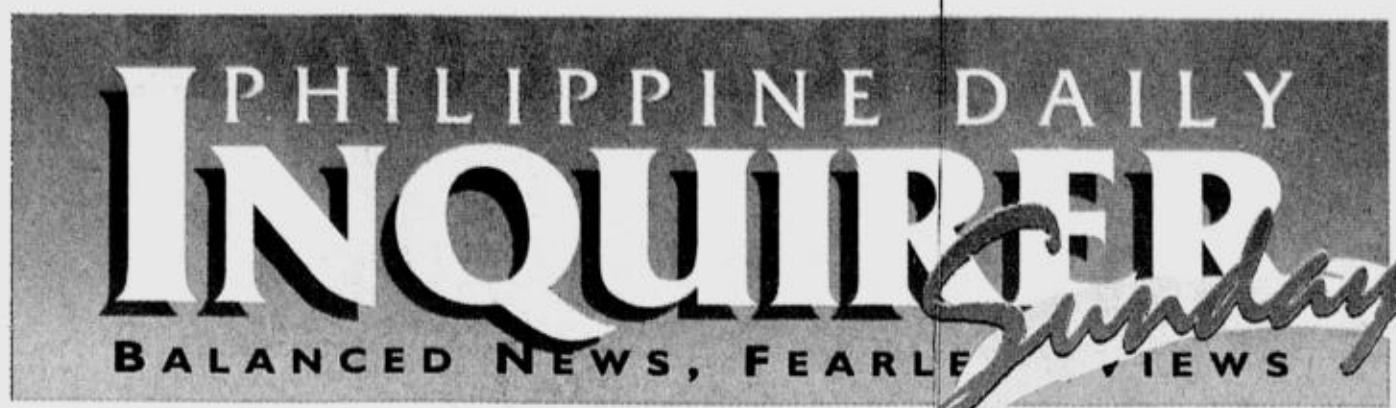
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New witness on Marcos loot

When moms become 'addicts to addicts'

By Michael Lim Ubac

AT FIRST, Nena Tantoco, 56, could not believe that her son was an addict. "You can't believe as a mother because I did my best. I took care of my children. I took care of all their needs. I was always there. I felt like a failure. So, in the beginning there was denial because I didn't want to accept that I was a failure," said Tantoco whose husband, Rico, is a scion of the Rustan's chain of department stores.

Her son was addicted to shabu for eight years.

Luz Eusebio, a secretary, had two children on drugs; one, off and on for 12 years; the other for four years.

Like Tantoco, Eusebio was in a denial mode. "I was into denial. At the back of my mind I suspected that my sons were using shabu at the time. But I believed their alibis. Whenever they would ask for money in the guise of buying a new pair of shoes, I believed that," said Eusebio.

Eusebio crossed paths with Tantoco in their quest to understand their children's drug dependency. Beatriz Gonzales joined the quest to find out why her husband had been hooked on drugs.

Gonzales, 35, said that she had no idea that her boyfriend whom she married eight years ago was under the influence.

"I can't explain the misery. Of course, there was no physical harm but it was more emotional, mental," Gonzales said.

"The worst thing about it for me was making me feel that I was not a good mother."

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HEALING mothers after a life-changing journey have reclaimed the drug addicts in their families now tell their story to help others and to remove the shame and guilt of the "disease." Standing, Nena Tantoco (left) and Beatriz Gonzales. Seated is Luz Eusebio.

Testimony promises to be biggest breakthrough

By Donna S. Cueto

(First of a series)

A CANADIAN-WELSH witness has offered to provide the Philippine government evidence that can supposedly pin down a big Swiss bank and its accomplice firm for laundering as much as \$400 million in Marcos deposits.

The evidence to be provided by the witness, a lawyer who once worked for the global accounting and auditing firm KPMG in Zurich, Switzerland, promises to be the biggest breakthrough in the 16-year-old battle to recover the Marcos wealth.

The \$400 million was transferred secretly "through the night" by Fides—a predecessor of KPMG Zurich—from Credit Suisse to a Liechtenstein subsidiary, Limag AG, just before the Swiss Banking Commission ordered a freeze on all Marcos accounts at 6 p.m. of March 24, 1986, according to the witness.

She is now in the United States and is being represented by one of the most powerful US law firms, Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP, which is said to have ties with Washington.

The summary of the witness' "potential areas of testimony" was contained in a letter signed by Ian M. Comisky, of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP and addressed to Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo and Presidential Commission on Good Government Chair Haydee Yorac.

The INQUIRER has obtained a copy of the letter dated Feb. 22, 2002.

The witness said a "leak" that a freeze would soon be imposed triggered the movement of the Marcos funds to Liechtenstein, a wealthy principality near Switzerland.

Sources said the \$400 million cited by the lawyer could just be the tip of the iceberg. They said there could have been more funds transferred.

NEW/ A20

Journalists kept asking about foreign hostages'

By Alya B. Honasan

TWO years later, Aida Dablo's heart still beats wildly at the sound of loud voices and shouting.

But she has a new job now, and is trying to forget the kidnapping that, she says, was a matter of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Aida was one of 21 people abducted

by the Abu Sayyaf from the Pulau Sipadan Dive Resort in Sabah, Malaysia, on April 23, 2000. She was one of two Filipinos; the other one, Roland Ullah, remains missing.

"Sometimes I read the newspaper clippings on the kidnapping, and I can't stop crying," the petite, fair-skinned former schoolteacher from Pagadian says in Filipino; her eyes

welling with tears at the memory.

"The only things that got me through those days were prayers, and the fact that I didn't have the nerve to either kill myself or kill one of the Abu Sayyaf men."

Aida, 40, was the only Filipino staff member still talking to guests on the resort deck after dinner, around 7:30 p.m. of April 23.

No one noticed anything unusual in the water, and everyone was taken by surprise when some 20 armed men in fatigues entered the resort from the side closest to the jungle.

Aida remembers that the men yelled, "Don't panic!" in English while herding the people together.

"At first I thought they were military."

JOURNALISTS/ A7

'Priests are harmless but not armless'

By Armand N. Nocum

"PRIESTS are harmless, but not armless," quipped Fr. Robert Reyes of the UP Diliman parish. It is not enough that priests should know the Body of Christ. They should also know their own bodies.

This was Reyes' advice to the 4,000 Filipino priests in the country in the wake of the Church's examination of sexual scandals involving some Filipino priests who break their vows of celibacy.

Reyes noted that men studying for the priesthood in seminaries were rarely taught about how their body works and how to deal with their sexual urges.

He explained that topics regarding the human response to sexual stimulations were considered taboo topics in the seminaries.

"Seminarians or priests are treated as if they are angels, with no physical bodies," said Reyes.

He admitted that he himself would be telling a lie if he said he did not feel anything whenever he

PRIESTS/ A20



BLESSINGS: Like a five-star hotel with state-of-the-art equipment, the Asian Hospital and Medical Center in Muntinlupa is blessed on Saturday by Cebu Cardinal Ricardo Vidal; its marker unveiled by President Macapagal-Arroyo with Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit.

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Now, it's 'World of Weddings'

By Norman Bordadora

FIRST, it was "Wealth of Wonders."

Now, Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon is giving a new spin to his department's WOW Philippines promo campaign.

"World of Weddings"—that will be one of our catchphrases for our program," Gordon yesterday told the INQUIRER.

According to him, the

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Lacson boys ordered indicted for Dacer slay

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE GOVERNMENT has scored a victory in the Court of Appeals which ordered the indictment of three former police generals—Senior Superintendents Michael Ray Aquino, Cesar Mancao II and Teofilo Viña—for the abduction and killing of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver on Nov. 24, 2000.

The appellate court's 8th Division removed all legal obstacles to the inclusion of the names of Aquino, Mancao and Viña—all top officials of the defunct Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF)—in the amended information for double murder filed by the justice department last year.

All three, however, remain at large. Aquino was the operations chief, Mancao the head of task force Luzon, while Viña was the chief of the task force Visayas when the crime was committed.

The justice department said Aquino and Mancao are now fugitives from Philippine justice after they fled to the United States last year. Viña, who has also disappeared, is believed to have supervised the whole operation—from the surveillance to kidnapping to the execution of Dacer and Corbito.

No evidence vs Ping

While the name of Sen. Panfilo Lacson, the then chief of the Philippine National Police, cropped up during the investigation

because of his close association with Viña, Aquino and Mancao, no evidence has come up linking him to the gruesome crime.

Lacson was the concurrent head of the PAOCTF when Dacer and Corbito were abducted at the South Superhighway in Manila on Nov. 24, 2000. The two were brought to Indang, Cavite, where they were burned to death.

Lacson and Viña, in separate interviews, maintained their innocence, accusing the government of dragging their names into the case to discredit those associated with the previous Estrada administration.

The CA order was penned by CA Associate Justice Martin S. Villarama Jr. and concurred in by Associate Justices Conchita Carpio Morales and Sergio L. Pestaño. Besides the three ex-generals, the CA also allowed substituting SPO3 Allan Cadenilla Villanueva for accused Police Inspector Danilo Villanueva.

The CA was acting on a government petition to review the Oct. 1 and Oct. 24,

2001 orders of Manila Judge Rodolfo A. Ponferrada.

Ponferrada had barred the justice department from submitting the amended information, which had charged the three police generals for orchestrating the abduction and killing of Dacer and Corbito.

This prompted Solicitor General Simeon Marcelo to file a petition for certiorari with the Supreme Court on Jan. 4, claiming that Ponferrada had committed "grave abuse of discretion" in denying the amended information.

The high court, however, referred the case to the appellate court.

The CA said it found the government's petition "impressed with sufficient merits and consequently, must be given due course and granted."

Abuse of discretion

The CA explained that while the court had acquired jurisdiction of the case, the determination of who should be criminally charged in court is essentially an executive function, not a judicial one.

It said that Ponferrada "acted with grave abuse of discretion amounting to lack or in excess of jurisdiction in issuing the questioned orders."

The double murder case is now being handled by Judge Edelwina Pastoral. But the court rejected a motion for the

charges against Senior Supt. Glenn G. Dumlaog, who had turned state witness, to be dropped.

The CA only approved the dropping of charges against Jimmy and William Lopez and Alex Diloy.

The appellate court, citing a Supreme Court ruling on the Witness Protection Program, said that Dumlaog being a police officer could not be admitted to the program.

The CA said that anyone could be admitted to the WPP, provided that "he is not a law enforcement officer even if he would be testifying against the other law enforcement officers in the case."

Witness' recourse

"No substantial justice is served if we will simply ignore this provision," it said.

The CA said that Dumlaog could avail of a recourse provided by Section 9, Rule 119 of the Revised Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Under the rule, the court trying the case may direct one of the accused to be discharged to serve as state witness when there is an absolute necessity for his testimony.

Dumlaog, the Lopez brothers and Diloy were among the 22 men, including 11 police officers, who were originally charged with double murder at the Manila RTC.

New Gloria ads funded by backers, says adviser

By Dona Pazzibugan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's latest infomercial was privately funded by her supporters, said presidential adviser on media and ecclesiastical affairs Conrado "Dodi" Limcaoco.

Malacañang did not shell out a single centavo for it, said Limcaoco who is the brains behind the new TV ad.

But the financiers who did preferred to remain anonymous, he said.

"It's a combination (of funds). A little from the agency involved, in this case the National Food Authority because of their technical inputs, and a lot from private people who don't wish to be named," he said.

The President's previous TV ads had been funded by the Office of the Press Secretary-Philippine Information Agency (OPS-PIA) which takes charge of Malacañang's media projects.

Limcaoco, who was initially reluctant to talk, said the President approved the setup because it would save government money.

"And it's okay because they (the financiers) have no say in what goes on in the commercial. We have full creative and editorial control," he said.

Pimentel bill seeks right to reply in media

ANYONE who has been maligned by unpleasant or injurious stories or criticisms in the mass media should be entitled to air his side.

The purpose of Senate Bill 2110 filed today by Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., which guarantees the people's right of reply in conformity with the freedom of expression, speech and press enshrined in the Constitution.

Pimentel filed the bill in response to the common complaint of public officials and even ordinary citizens that they are not given the chance to explain their side when the mass media criticize them or carry damaging stories about them.

"The freedom of speech and expression enshrined in the Constitution necessarily embraces a correlative right of reply, especially to accusations or criticisms published or aired through the mass media," the lawmaker from Mindanao said.

SB 2110 imposes penalties for failure or refusal to give newspaper space to the reply of the complaining parties.

Editors, publishers meet today

ABOUT 200 editors and publishers of the country's major national and regional newspapers will meet in Manila from May 12 to 14 to assess the level of journalism practice and discuss global terrorism.

The occasion will be the 6th National Press Forum at the Century Park Hotel Manila organized by the Philippine Press Institute together with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. This year's theme is "The Media and the Politics of Terrorism and Globalization." The PPI is the association of Philippine newspapers.

Amado P. Macasaet, PPI chair and Malaya publisher, said the forum would discuss news issues and problems now confronting the newspaper industry and the government.

The speakers are Sen. Edgardo J. Angara; Dr. Chito B. Salazar, STI Education and Services Group chief executive officer and president; Michael O. Mastura, former representative of the first district of Maguindanao and president of the Islamic Welfare Society of the Philippines; and Marvin A. Tort, Philippine Press Council chair and BusinessWorld editor.

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'Pork' no good for Pinoys' health, says DOH exec

By Armand N. Nocum
and Juliet L. Javellana

BAGUIO CITY—If only the Department of Health can use the contested P34.8-billion infrastructure budget to fund its programs.

A senior health official aired this lament to reporters, pointing out that the P11.3-billion budget of the DOH was only about a third of the infrastructure fund that congressmen and officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways had been fighting over.

"We would like to have a big chunk of the fund to better address the health needs of Filipinos," the official said during a seminar in this mountain city. "We have key national programs we want to implement, but we have no funds. They have the money, but they use it to address the limited needs of their constituents."

The official, who requested anonymity, said pork barrel funds spent on medicines or ambulances had been a big source of graft for lawmakers.

"They get commissions of up to 40 percent from medical contractors who engage in under-deliveries (for) profit," he said.

He also said pork barrel funds inserted into the budget of the DOH usually threw its programs "off-balance."

At the House, Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay Jr. insisted it was not wrong to fight for bigger pork barrel, and stood by his proposal to tap more public works funds for congressional projects nationwide.

Pichay also demanded that the unnamed DPWH official claiming to have evidence of corruption come out in the open.

The DPWH official had claimed to hold documents proving that congressmen favored certain contractors in the bidding of the projects.

Pichay said this was an "outright smear campaign designed to protect their hegemony over public funds which they have used as their personal milking cows."

"These cowardly public officials should come out if they have the goods on the (congressmen)," he said. "Otherwise, they should be the ones investigated for they have used public funds to take care of their families for the next 10 generations."

Surigao del Norte Rep. Ace Barbers issued a statement airing a similar demand.

Barbers challenged the official "to put his money where his mouth is and produce the documents... so the public may know whether there is meat (in) his accusations or he is just bluffing to scare away lawmakers from investigating the scalawags in the DPWH."

Competition

In an earlier news briefing at Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac, Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said the P11.3-billion budget of the DOH comprised less than 2 percent of the national budget.

But he acknowledged that "there is a competition for resources" among the government departments, and that "there are needs everywhere."

Still Dayrit pointed out that the DOH could do more if it had more money. He quoted the World Health Organization as saying that 5 percent of the national budget would be ideal to address the health needs of Filipinos.

"Throw in another P1 billion and we can do miracles," he said.

Whose House?

Pichay said he was taking "grave exception" to Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr.'s statement that he was dragging the House down with his proposal to tap additional sources to augment the P34.8-billion infrastructure fund of the DPWH.

"With due respect to Congressman Andaya, whose House is he talking about that we are bringing down?" Pichay said in a statement.

"This is not my House or his House or even the House of the 218 solons. This is the House of the

people, especially those in the long-neglected regions who are deprived of an equal voice in the shaping of national spending priorities," Pichay added.

Andaya, chair of the House appropriations committee, had rejected Pichay's proposal, saying it would disrupt the operations of other departments and open the floodgates to more pork barrel controversies.

He said such proposals could destroy the House.

But Pichay said his proposal was "not carved in stone."

"My colleagues are free to propose other better ideas," he said.

But Andaya said he would oppose it during the Monday meeting of the technical panel formed to find an acceptable compromise.

Equalization

Pichay had proposed that the public works funds of the Departments of Agriculture and of Agrarian Reform be used as "equalization fund."

But Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor yesterday said this would only "disturb" his department's budget. **With reports from Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau; Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau**



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Saguisag questions Sandigan summons to Loi

By Volt Contreras

LAWYER Rene Saguisag alerted the Senate yesterday on the Sandiganbayan's ordering one of its members to appear in court to answer contempt charges filed by the Plunderwatch anti-corruption group against jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada, the senator and three others.

Saguisag, a former senator, urged the Senate "not to surrender an inch of its independence and not shed a bit of parliamentary immunity" in a letter dated May 11 to Senate President Franklin Drilon.

The Sandiganbayan has ordered Sen. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito, Estrada's wife, to appear before it on Wednesday to answer contempt charges filed against her, Estrada, their son Jinggoy, and the Estradas' former counsels, Saguisag and Raymund Fortun.

They are charged with openly attacking the integrity of the judicial system, particularly the Sandiganbayan and the Supreme Court.

Ejercito was included in the complaint on the basis of a privilege speech she delivered on March 12 in which she accused the Supreme Court of bias against her husband who is being tried on charges of plunder.

Saguisag questioned why Ejercito was being made to account in court for something said in a privilege speech, which is supposedly exempt

from contempt proceedings.

"Elementary comity or courtesy among the top three departments of the government should not allow it," he told Drilon.

He said the matter should be referred to the appropriate Senate committee for it raised a "serious policy question" and could set a "dangerous precedent."

"Maybe some kind of liaison could be established so that we may honor and respect the constitutional provision on parliamentary immunity," he said.

Subpoenas were issued last week to all the respondents to appear in a May 15 hearing. Also summoned as witnesses for the petitioners were two INQUIRER reporters who wrote a series of reports quoting the respondents' tirades against the courts.

The court said it would take a manifestation invoking Ejercito's parliamentary immunity for consideration "at an appropriate time."

Saguisag asked: "Suppose the senator, to protect the integrity and independence of the Senate, does not agree to be questioned for supposedly abusing... her parliamentary immunity? Suppose the senator is ordered arrested? Will (Philippine National Police) Director Gen. Leandro Mendoza again assemble thousands of policemen to bring her to the Sandiganbayan?"



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Palace takes up cudgels for heir to PNP throne

By Dona Pazzibugan and TJ Burgonio

MALACANANG dared those protesting the appointment as police chief of PNP deputy director general Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. to be more forthright and come out in the open.

Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable Jr. said those behind the anonymous full-page ad that came out in another daily yesterday should first come out "so we can consider whether we need to dialog with them."

"It's better if they come out (so) we know where they are coming from," he said.

Without naming Ebdane, the ad signed by so-called "Concerned PNP Officers" said the next PNP chief should be professional "rather than perceived to be loyal to (a) political group and certain powerful individuals who have bestowed good graces and 'juicy assignments' to him in the past."

It criticized Ebdane's idea of arming civilians in response to the rise in

kidnappings.

"We hope you appoint a leader (who is) a man of action, not of publicity, and an officer of distinction, not of mediocrity as shown by his track record," the ad said.

It asked the President not to limit her choice "to only one, by reason of rank, seniority or perhaps political considerations."

Afable said anonymous ads only create speculations that might even turn out to be unfounded.

Ms Macapagal inadvertently revealed that Ebdane would succeed PNP Director General Leandro Mendoza after speculations came out that Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya would succeed Mendoza who was to have retired last March.

Ebdane is next in line in terms of seniority.

Apparently to make up for her slip, the President extended Mendoza's term of duty to six more months or until September.

Meanwhile, top police officials yesterday sought to clarify reports that the PNP was recommending that foreigners take precautionary measures when traveling to Manila, such as hiring armed bodyguards and traveling in bullet-proof cars.

Mendoza said there was no need for foreigners to adopt such "elaborate and expensive" measures as they would be safe in Manila, much safer than they would be in "key cities of Asia, Europe and even the United States."

He said the crime situation in the country remained at "a very manageable level."

Quoting PNP spokesperson Senior Supt. Leonardo Espina, the Agence France Presse reported that foreigners should hire bodyguards, and if possible, travel in bulletproof vehicles while visiting the country.

Espina was a guest at a forum of the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines last Friday. **With a report from Rocky Nazareno**

Airmen boycott reunion

ACTIVE and retired airmen yesterday boycotted the alumni homecoming of the Philippine Air Force Flying School graduates in Lipa, Batangas, to show their disgust with Lt. Gen. Benjamin Defensor's failure to revive an age-old aviation program.

In a press conference at the Villamor Air Base in Pasay City, they accused Defensor of "stonewalling" the implementation of the Aviation Cadet Program despite President Macapagal's order for him to revive it as early as February last year.

While Defensor had claimed that the program could not be implemented due to lack of budget and shortage of aircraft, graduates of the Philippine Military Academy continued to undergo military pilot training at the PAF, the airmen pointed out.

"There is no evidence of demonstrated sincerity on his part to continue the program. In fact he chose to defy his Commander in Chief, the President, by not following her orders," said (ret.) Brig. Gen. Samson Majimer, secretary general of the PAF Aviation Cadet Alumni Association Inc. (PAF-Aces).

He added: "The action of the present commanding general is far from deserving our respect and following."

Reasons

These, they said, were their reasons for the boycott of the alumni homecoming in Bernardo Air Base in Lipa City, which was sponsored by Defensor.

Maj. Art Orticio, PAF spokesperson, however, debunked their claims. "There's no refusal (on the part of General Defensor to implement the program). There are valid reasons why this can't be implemented in the meantime," he said.

The Aviation Cadet Program is a two-year flying course begun in 1937 for graduates of the PAF Flying School. Then PAF chief, Lt. Gen. Arnulfo Acadera, ordered a stop to the program in December 1995, citing budget constraints and aircraft shortage.

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about 20 km away from the accident site.

SPO2 Rodrigo Kitongan of the Tuba police station said the jeepney, bound for Rosario, La Union, overtook another passenger jeepney but lost its brakes and fell off a 40-meter deep ravine in Barangay Twin Peaks. The jeepney, which was carrying 32 passengers from Baguio, crashed in a riverbed.

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19 drown as boat sinks off Biliran

By Vicente S. Labro and Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—At least 19 persons, mostly children and students, drowned when a motorboat capsized just a few meters off the municipal pier of Naval, Biliran, around 4:30 p.m. yesterday.

The incident happened a day after the President visited the place.

The motorboat, MV Melody, had just left the Naval pier and on its way to Biliran's island-town of Maripipi when it capsized.

The passengers were mostly Maripipi residents, including barangay officials and public school teachers, who were on their way home after attending Biliran's 10th anniversary celebration held in Naval yesterday.

Ecole Gaviola, a Maripipi resident reached by cellular phone yesterday, said the boat was reportedly overloaded which caused it to capsize just a few meters off the pier.

The motorboat's capacity was only for 30 persons, according to Biliran Vice Gov. Carlos Chan in a radio interview aired in Tacloban

City yesterday.

But a provincial disaster coordinating council said there were at least 109 passengers accounted for so far. Seventeen of the 19 fatalities were women and children. Among them was the wife of the motorboat owner.

The motorboat was rented by the municipal government of Maripipi to bring its officials and residents to and from Naval for the celebration, according to information reaching the INQUIRER.

He said Gov. Rogelio Espina was at the pier site overseeing the rescue and search operation. The governor could not be reached for comment.

As of 5:30 yesterday afternoon, around 19 bodies have been recovered, Gaviola told the INQUIRER.

The celebration of the Biliran provincehood anniversary culminated yesterday, with the Governor's Night supposed to cap the weeklong affair. It was not known if the evening social was cancelled as a result of the accident.

On Friday evening, President Macapagal-Arroyo visited the place, and graced the coronation of this year's Bb. Biliran and Miss Biliran Tourism.

The President was invited by Biliran Rep. Gerry Espina, the father of the governor. The President and her party came from Tacloban City and traveled by land, through the 123-kilometer Tacloban-Naval national highway.

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Ascension Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 1:12-14

The disciples returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olives, which is a fifteen-minute walk away. On entering the city they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. Present there were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas son of James. All of these together gave themselves to constant prayer. With them were some women and also Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

2nd Reading: 1 P 4:13-16

Brothers and sisters, you should be glad to share in the sufferings of Christ because, on the day his Glory is revealed, you will also fully rejoice. You are fortunate if you are insulted because of the name of Christ, for the Spirit of glory rests on you. I suppose that none of you should suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone suffers on account of being a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace; rather let this name bring glory to God.

Gospel: Jn 17:1-11

Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; give glory to your Son, that the Son may give glory to you. You have given him power over all mortals, and you want him to bring eternal life to all you have entrusted to him. For this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the One you sent, Jesus Christ.

I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, give me in your presence the same Glory I had with you before the world began.

I have made your name known to those you gave me from the world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they kept your word. And now they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you. I have given them the teaching I received from you, and they received it and know in truth that I came from you; and they believe that you have sent me.

I pray for them; I do not pray for the world but for those who belong to you and whom you have given to me—indeed all I have is yours and all you have is mine—and now they are my glory. I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world whereas I am going to you. Holy Father, keep them in your Name (that you have given me,) so that they may be one, just as we are."

Commentary

How much we know and yet how little we know of God and the ways of God! We have been allowed to glimpse something undreamed of: in Jesus, God visited us in an intimate way, at a particular point in time, approaching us from within. Everything is different because of this: it redefines what is a human being—a being with a divine origin, a divine destination, and an openness to the divine throughout the great journey-adventure that is each one's lifetime. In the second reading, Paul's noble words struggle to encompass realities beyond words: "He who fills all in all unfolds his fullness in the community of disciples."

Jesus "ascended" from a particular place and time in order to be present wherever his disciples are gathered.

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SUPREME COURT



CRIMINAL LAW (AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES)—Abuse of superior strength—Abuse of superior strength cannot be appreciated in this case. In *People v. Flores* (G. R. No. 138841, 4 April 2001), this Court pointed out that this aggravating circumstance necessitates the showing of the relative disparity in physical characteristics, usually translating into the age, gender, the physical sizes and the strength of the aggressor and the victim. There is no proof that accused-appellant utilized any notorious inequality to his advantage. In other words, mere superiority in number is not enough to constitute superior strength. To be appreciated as a qualifying circumstance, what should be considered is not that there were 3 or more assailants of one victim but whether the aggressors purposely took advantage of their combined strength in order to consummate the offense. In this case, the prosecution did not present any direct proof that there was a deliberate intent on the part of accused-appellant to take advantage of the obvious inequality of force between him and the victim. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Ynares-Santiago, First Division, People v. Nicholas, G. R. No. 142044, November 23, 2001]

DIGEST BY R. B. VERA

'Journalists kept asking about foreign hostages'

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men, but then I noticed that their guns were pointing at us," she says. "Then when they started collecting watches and dive computers, I knew they were robbers." The gunmen rounded up whomever they could find. George Alino, a Filipino dive master, was asleep in his room, and the gunmen never got to him. Ullah, a dive master at the next-door Borneo Divers resort, had just come over to borrow a CD.

Aida began to fear for her life in earnest only when they were loaded onto two fishing boats, with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Another dive master, Danny Chin, managed to slip into the jungle in the confusion and escaped capture. Two girls behind the buffet counter begged to be spared, claiming to be Filipinos with no money, and were left alone.

Aida thought of doing the same, but hesitated for fear of agitating her captors and making their guns go off.

Endless
The next four months was an endless cycle of boat trips, treks through muddy jungles, and captivity in different houses in a string of villages.

Aida later learned that they were in Jolo, Sulu. Once, when word came of an impending military attack, the hostages were ordered to immediately vacate the house where they were staying. But German hostage Renate Wallert would suffer an attack of hypertension every time they got moving.

"The next thing we knew, the house we were in was being fired at, and I had to jump out a back entrance," Aida says. "I don't know how the old lady Renate did it." Whenever there was shelter along the journey, the Abu Sayyaf quickly pitched makeshift tents and hammered together bamboo slats for the hostages' beds. When nightfall caught them in mid-trek, they slept on the ground. Meals were limited to rice and soy sauce, and although her captors brought the hostages clothes from an

Now . . .

From page A1
Department of Tourism is planning to tap the Filipino's knack for romantic adventure and market the Philippines as the wedding and honeymoon capital of Asia.

"We want to position ourselves in something our competitors aren't good at," Gordon said. "The Thais, who are among the leaders in tourism in Asia, and our other neighbors would not be able to handle weddings the way Filipinos do."

He said the country's resorts and other tourist destinations were romantic wedding and honeymoon sites.

"We have the Coconut Palace in Manila, the churches in Intramuros and even the beaches in Boracay. All these places are beautiful and are quite romantic for weddings," he said. Gordon said the Department of Tourism was planning to offer less expensive wedding and honeymoon packages compared with those in other Asian countries.

"You want to have a carriage to carry you to church? That would cost millions in Japan. In Intramuros, you can get that quite cheap," he said.

Gordon said his department could also package Chinese- and Japanese-style weddings.

"They can have a gown made by Pitoy Moreno or Ben Farrales. Only we can do that in Asia," he added.

Gordon said he would be trying his new sales pitch on May 30 at a wedding fair in Thailand.

"ukay-ukay," Aida never used them. "I was feeling so bad, so angry," she says. "The journalists and negotiators would keep asking about the foreign hostages, not us. We didn't want any publicity or special attention; all we wanted was reassurance from Filipino authorities that everything would be all right."

Aida's best meals were those shared with her by the other hostages, who were sent relief goods and rations by their embassies.

Later on, Aida would write several letters to Filipino authorities, including chief negotiator Robert Aventajado, and send these with the letters that Finnish hostages Johan Seppo and Mirco Rista gave to their emissaries.

Exhausted
After several weeks, Aida was mentally exhausted from constantly thinking of what to do, how to escape, what to say if any of the gunmen tried to harm her. "Whenever they approached, I would get lightheaded with fear," she says.

She was certain she was going to be killed on the day some Abu Sayyaf men took her for the long walk and the ride that ended in a

military camp, where she was released to Aventajado's custody.

Aida spent a year recuperating from the experience with her siblings in Pagadian.

"I was always depressed, even when I tried to be happy," she says. "It's like my soul was separated from my body, and my sisters were afraid I would try to kill myself."

It took a long time before she could venture into public places again, or ride another boat.

She keeps in touch with some fellow captives, like South African Monique Strydom and Sipadan dive master Ken Fong, who kids her about eating rice and soy sauce and remembering their kidnapping anniversary.

"Now I just have to keep busy because it's something I don't want to talk about or remember," Aida says.

Laid-back
On Pulau Sipadan itself, the at-

mosphere is relaxed and laid-back.

Talk of the kidnapping is controlled, and the military makes an effort to be unobtrusive.

But at Pulau Sipadan's sister establishment, the Kapalai Resort, which is a 15-minute boat ride away, 16 fully armed soldiers visibly conduct daily rounds.

"We get mixed reactions," says Ketrick Chin, who manages both Pulau Sipadan and Kapalai. "Some guests feel we're overdoing it, while others feel more secure. But I know for a fact what the Malaysian armed forces can do, and they're doing a good job of securing the islands."

Pulau Sipadan is only one of five resorts on the 4-hectare Sipadan Island, one of the most popular dive destinations in the world because of the diversity of its underwater marine life.

To minimize tourist pressure

on the ecosystem, no more than 80 divers are allowed on Sipadan in one day. But with recent developments, that limitation has not been a problem, Chin reveals.

"Before, we would average about 20 guests a day at the resort," he says. "Right after the kidnapping, we were getting only four or five people at most!"

With the heightened security provided by naval and air patrols and the confidence of regular clients who came and went unharmed, occupancy was rising and beginning to peak around August last year, Chin recalls. The government has also defined inviolable and heavily guarded routes between the islands and the nearest Philippine outposts in Sitangkay and Cagayan de Sulu, so anybody caught outside the perimeters would be in trouble. "And then," Chin says, groaning,

"Sept. 11 happened!" Today, the old numbers are "not back yet," and the company has paired lower prices with aggressive marketing and promotions, like an extra night free for every six persons booked.

Family
A more significant consequence has been the Malaysian government's crackdown on illegal immigrants, many of them Filipinos.

Some 90 percent of the employees on Pulau Sipadan and Kapalai are legally working Filipinos—workers valued for their efficiency and good English, and, Chin insists, "they're not outsiders, they're family."

Chin is certain, however, that there will be no repeats by the Abu Sayyaf.

"No choice," he says confidently. "The minute they try to get back in these waters, they're gone."

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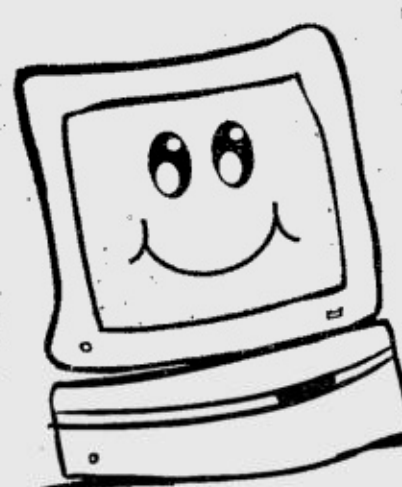
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Suffer the children

THERE is a secret darker than the sexual sins of priests, a crime more heinous than kidnapping for ransom. It is the tragedy of child labor. The practice of this open secret and brazen crime is widespread in all countries, and the Philippines—home to millions of devotees of the Child Jesus, a country immensely loyal to its so-called child stars—is no exception.

EDITORIAL Of the 25 million Filipinos between the ages of 5 and 17, some 4 million are "economically active," the National Statistics Office reports. That is bureaucratized for minors working for a living. That also means that one out of every six Filipino children has been forced to join the labor force. The NSO report notes that most of the child laborers are classifiable as unpaid, unskilled workers in family farms and livelihood ventures. We can easily picture the details: children selling banana-cue snacks in open areas, children plying flower garlands on street corners, children hawking sweepstakes tickets at church entrances.

Other occupations are, well, less picturesque. The United Nations Children's Fund office in the Philippines says as many as 2.2 million Filipino children work in hazardous conditions. Worse, anywhere between 60,000 and 100,000 minors are sexually exploited.

None of these children are there by choice, of course. They have been dragged kicking and screaming into the ranks of the economically active by the biggest circumstance of all: poverty. Being poor is like charity; it covers a multitude of sins. It helps explain why, unlike wayward priests—or for that matter any person doing something illicit—those who force children to work do so openly, without apologies. Or why, unlike the victims of kidnap-for-ransom gangs, child laborers are effectively hostages for life, and often by their own kin.

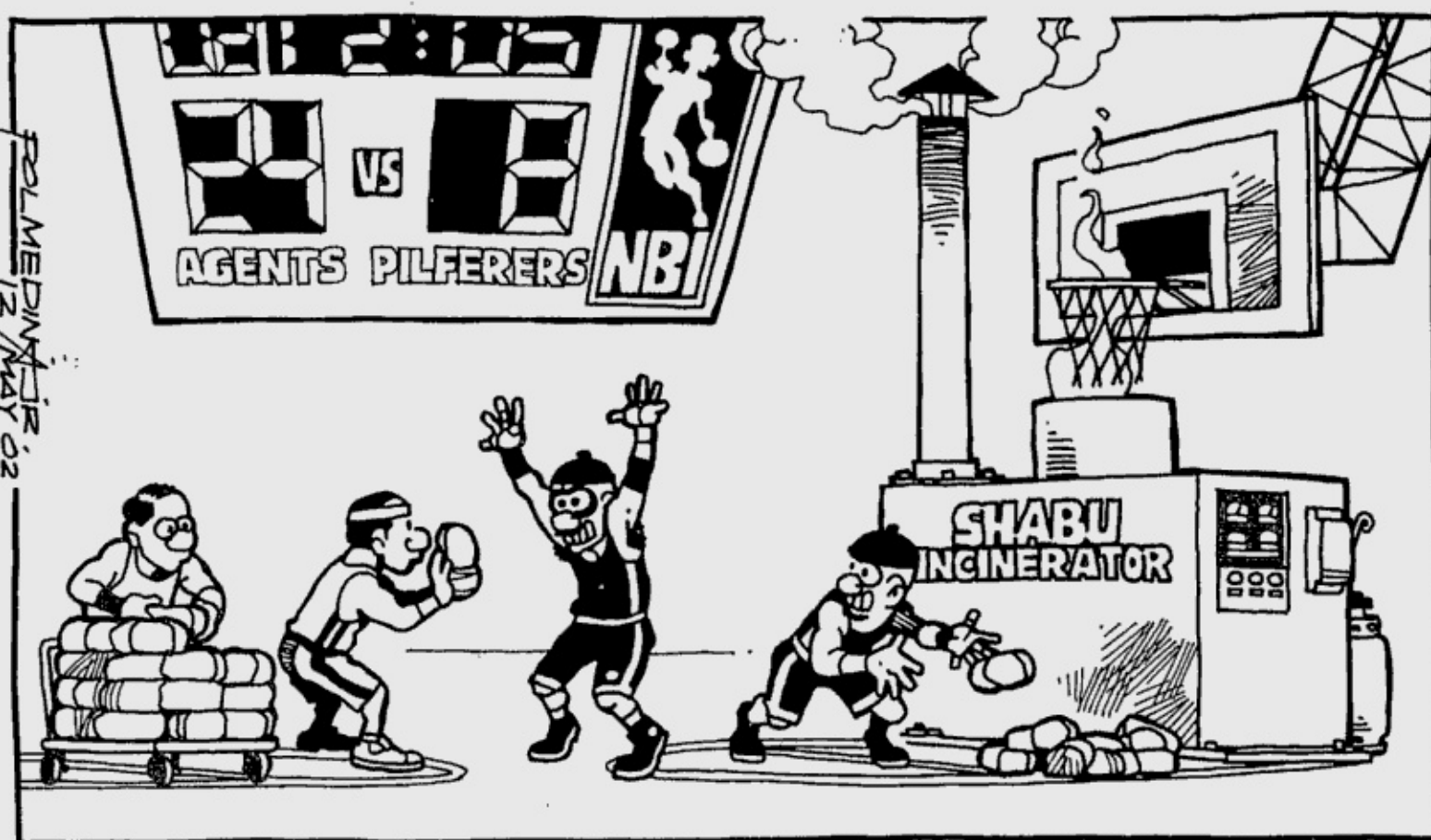
We make a distinction, of course, between chores at home or on the farm, and child labor. Chores such as, say, washing one's clothes are an important part of the raising of children; they strengthen character. But actual work, such as when a 9-year-old washes clothes for a living, weakens character by stealing nothing less than childhood from the child.

The NSO report also claims that many of the country's working children say their schooling is not affected by their work. That may very well be true, but perhaps for reasons other than what might reasonably be expected. Chances are, their schooling is not affected because they no longer go to school at all.

Some 97 percent of Filipino children attend school between ages 6 and 12. But fully 30 percent do not even finish sixth grade. And the downtrend continues through high school and on to college. Those who do juggle schooling and work at such a tender age cannot be expected to excel, to rise above the circumstances, either. It is difficult enough for a grown man to balance the demands of his job with those of his studies. What more a child?

The NSO and Unicef numbers paint a dismal picture. "The Philippines' achievement of the goals (set after the 1990 World Summit for Children) has been inconsistent," Unicef representative Terrel Hill said. Much more remains to be done, she added, citing the need for "much more political will and concrete multi-cultural action."

There is one indicator that the Macapagal administration should pay special attention to: the number of minors conscripted into the sex industry. While they account for only 2 to 3 percent of all child workers in the country, they are the most at risk. They also symbolize all the evil that is done to children. The President should devote herself to dramatically cutting down their number—to make a statement, yes, but also to help bring as many children as possible out of the sex-industry trap. We suggest, in fact, that she include the statistic as a regular feature of her annual State of the Nation Address. It will demonstrate her commitment and monitor her progress, but it will also push all Filipinos to take a long, hard second look at the pernicious but widespread practice of child labor.



Judicial evasion

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz



(Continued)

WHY had the victims themselves not come out to protest the indignities visited upon them? The reason for their silence was fear. The raids were conducted not in the enclaves of the rich but in the deprived communities where the residents had no power or influence. They were the little people. They could not have dared to complain for fear of retaliation for their temerity. They had to rely on the protection of their leaders for the vindication of their rights.

Instead of acting directly on the petition, the Supreme Court remanded it to several regional trial courts in Metro Manila for verification of the factual allegations. Justice Abraham F. Sarmiento, in his own dissent, wrote that such referral was "passing the buck" and "an abdication of judicial functions." Yet his views, like mine, and those of Justice Carolina Griño-Aquino who concurred with us, were buried alive by the force of numbers.

That case was filed in 1991 and we are now in another century. I have not heard of the reports, if any, of the trial courts. The challenge to the areal saturation drive has been swept under the rug and with it the rights of the helpless little people who were victimized by the insolence of power.

I firmly believe that whenever liberty is offended, everyone is a proper party even if he is not directly injured. Everyone has a duty to protect liberty, and that fact alone makes him a proper party. It is not only the owner of the burning house who has a right to call the firemen. Everyone has a right and responsibility to keep the fire from spreading though he lives in another block.

Do you remember the paint-spraying case against former Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim? In 1997, he ordered several houses to be painted with the warning that "known" and "confirmed" drug pushers were living there. The Commission on Human Rights, later joined by the IBP and the Mabini, complained to the Su-

preme Court on the ground of due process.

As in the *zona* case, the Court again copped out. It remanded the case to the RTC of Pasig, which dismissed it for, among other reasons, improper parties. The Court of Appeals correctly reversed the lower court, and the respondent elevated the case to the Supreme Court. After one year, when it could have ruled squarely on the constitutionality of the challenged act, the high tribunal issued a minute resolution dismissing the petition. The ground given, believe it or not, was "technical reasons."

You know, of course, that under Art. VII, Sec. 18 of the 1987 Constitution, any citizen may now challenge the President's declaration of martial law or suspension of the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*. Each one of us has become a proper party to raise the issue which, additionally, must be resolved by the Supreme Court within 30 days from the filing of the challenge.

This is a quantum leap from the old jurisprudence. Now the Supreme Court cannot evade the question on technical grounds like lack of a proper party. As a matter of practice, it will avoid ruling on a constitutional question on the justification that "to doubt is to sustain." Now it cannot even hold that the petition allowed under Sec. 18 involves a political question that is beyond its jurisdiction. The issue raised must be resolved in any event.

The policy of the Supreme Court is to evade controversy when its function is precisely to settle it. It will fall back on many convenient pretexts for not deciding constitutional ques-

tions when its real motive is to avoid antagonizing Congress or the President with judgments that may invalidate their acts. Another reason could be plain idleness, a reluctance to entertain cases that might clog their dockets when they can be easily dismissed on procedural grounds.

The 1987 Constitution has enlarged judicial power to include cases involving grave abuse of discretion amounting to lack or excess of jurisdiction on the part of any branch of instrumentality of the government. This should release the high tribunal from the terror of entering the "political thicket" and offending its fierce inhabitants.

The Supreme Court should be more aggressive in correcting constitutional abuses instead of seeking sanctuary in its ivory tower from the slings and arrows that may enmesh it in political strife or, worse, disturb it from its slumber.

I hope that, following the trend set by the 1987 Constitution, our Supreme Court will relax its idolatry of technical obstacles, at least—for starters—in cases involving violations of individual liberties. These are matters that should not be shunted simply because of procedural defects. They deserve a bold and categorical resolution if the Constitution is to be a true guardian of the full flowering of freedom.

I earnestly appeal to the Supreme Court to tear down the wall of technicalities blocking challenges to any individual's complaint of a deprivation of his liberty. Liberty is too precious a birthright to be ignored simply because the person invoking it has no *locus standi*. That is too shallow a reason for a judiciary that is supposed to be the bastion of the people's rights and the custodian of their faith.

Let me leave you this parting thought: Where liberty is debased into a cruel illusion, all of us are degraded and diminished. Liberty is indivisible; it belongs to all of us. We should realize that when the bell tolls the death of liberty for one of us, "it tolls for thee" and for all of us. It also tolls for the Supreme Court itself.

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get it back. Nothing is impossible, Amen? Amen! With Mama Mary and in Jesus' name.

We always end the send-off ceremony with a song to the Blessed Mother. It is always a very touching moment as we entrust our departing missionary to Mama Mary. No much words are spoken after that, but the assurance is there: It is the Lord whom we serve, Mama Mary is with us, take care, we will meet again if God so wills, in His time. See you. Goodbye.

Since it's Mother's Day, remember the story I shared about the two *medyo matronic* and *medyo gurang* women who brought one day an old woman to the home for the elderly of the Missionaries of Charity in Tayuman? They told the sisters that they found the old woman in the street, so they are leaving her with the sisters. After the two left, the old woman wept. She said, she was not someone they found in the streets. She was the mother of the two. Unbelievable? It is true. It happened. It is happening. Maybe not in that magnitude, but we all are guilty of abandoning and hurting our mothers one time or another, to some degree, to some extent. It is your mother's day. Remember her, pray for her, embrace her, love her. Let us also pray for our motherland, so wounded by her many greedy sons and daughters. And let us also pray for our Mother Church, so wounded by many of us her priest-sons. Amen.

On Mother's Day, please remember the last line of the poem "One Little Rose" which says: "Bring me all your flowers to-day, whether pink, or white or red. I'd rather have one blossom now, than a truckload when I'm dead."

A MOMENT WITH THE LORD
Lord, bless our hearts and our lives, our joys and our strife, our hellos and our goodbyes. Amen.

Palestinians say reform up to them, no one else

LONDON—Israelis, Palestinians and outsiders agree that the Palestinian Authority needs reform. But reform, like peace, is something everyone wants on their terms.

Each group sees opportunities to reshape realities already altered by Israel's military sweep through the West Bank that seemed to go well beyond its stated aim of hunting terrorists.

The Israeli army may next turn its guns on the Gaza Strip after the government approved military retaliation for Tuesday's suicide bombing that killed 15 Israelis.

In this climate, reform calls emanating from Israel and the United States create intense suspicion among Palestinians, many of whom want changes, but not if they are imposed from without.

Donors, mainly Arab and European, want to be sure that the \$1.2 billion they have pledged to the Palestinians this year will be spent well. They also want assurances that Israel will stop destroying foreign-funded Palestinian projects and gutting the nascent state institutions they are trying to foster.

The World Bank reckons the Israeli army wreaked damage worth \$300 million in the first four weeks of its West Bank offensive.

Palestinian analyst Ali Jerbawi said internal pressure for reform stemmed from what he called a "total failure" of the Palestinian Authority, which had simply "stuffed its people with slogans and jargon" during Israel's West Bank assault.

But outside pressure, he argued, had little to do with genuine reform, aiming to create a pliant Authority that would eventually accept US and Israeli terms for peace.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said this week there could be no progress toward peace without a restructuring of the Authority, created by the 1993 Oslo accords that he detests.

"There is no way to move forward on the political process with a terrorist and corrupt entity," said Sharon.

Reform-minded Palestinians believe the Israeli leader's real ambition is to see the Palestinian Authority dismantled, not reformed, to drive another nail into their aspirations for a free and independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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"Israel has destroyed to a large extent most structures of the Palestinian Authority," Palestinian human rights activist Mustafa Barghouti told Reuters from Ramallah.

"Sharon wants to destroy the rest by hitting Gaza. He has also destroyed civil society, private property, water, electricity networks. He wants to destroy the whole fabric of Palestinian society," Barghouti said.

Sharon has striven to conflate Israel's struggle against Palestinian resistance to occupation with the US-led war on terror, ranking Palestinian President Yasser Arafat alongside Osama bin Laden in a pantheon of "evil."

When he visited Washington this week he carried a report allegedly documenting the involvement in terrorism of Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. Palestinians deny the charges.

Sharon has found powerful support in the US Congress and administration, but President George W. Bush is not quite ready to write Arafat or his government out of the script.

He reiterated his "disappointment" with Arafat but denied Israeli claims that he had agreed with Sharon this week that the former guerrilla chief should be squeezed from power.

"One of the things that we did talk about was how to put institutions in place so that a potential Palestinian state can be a peaceful neighbor with Israel," Bush said, adding that his "heart breaks" at Palestinian suffering under Arafat's rule.

Arafat must implement reforms, including establishing a single security force to halt terrorism as well as rooting out corruption and promoting

the rule of law, he said.

The European Union is also keen on reform, but opposes any bid to sideline Arafat or destroy his government.

"If you don't have a Palestinian Authority the only alternative is Palestinian anarchy," European Commissioner for External Relations Chris Patten said last month.

The EU says it is studying the Israeli report alleging that the Palestinian Authority allocated \$9 million of European Union funding to pay "terrorists" from Arafat's Patah faction.

Many Palestinians criticize Arafat for concentrating power in his own hands and tolerating corruption and mismanagement.

They, and foreign donors, fault him for failing to act on promised reforms to make his government more accountable and transparent, or to promulgate a Basic Law that would trim the powers of the executive and make the judiciary more independent.

But Khaled Abdel-Shafi, a Gaza city councilor, said it was strange that reform had now shot up the agenda of Palestinian leaders who had ignored or repressed past demands for change.

"Reform should be an internal Palestinian matter...and not imposed by any external power, especially not the United States and Israel because Israel has never been interested in seeing a well-functioning Palestinian society and economy," he said.

Abdel-Shafi said reform should be driven from below and fresh elections at all levels were therefore a priority.

Palestinian reformists also advocate a unified security force to replace Arafat's murky array of overlapping agencies, but say it should not simply be designed to meet Israel's security needs at the expense of Palestinian human rights.

They believe democratic reform would strengthen their hand in peace talks with Israel, but say it must come from within.

"What the Israelis want is a substitute leadership with collaborators. It will never work," Barghouti said.

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Human chain

SR. Raquel Reodica, RVM, about whom I have written often in the past, talks about a new dimension in her healing ministry, a new discovery she wants to share with everyone.

This is the communal dimension of healing. Healing is no longer just the personal touch of her hand on people who are sick, but the touch of the entire community at prayer on each other. She tells this amazing story.

At any given Saturday, the only healing day in the week when people can come without an appointment, there is an average of about 600 people at the Mother Ignacia Retreat House on 857 Bagumbong Rd. Novaliches. On this particular Saturday, it was then evening and Sister Raquel was tired. The whole afternoon, she was praying one-on-one over people, but there were a lot more.

She decided to shift to group healing. She asked everyone to hold hands and form a human chain. She held the microphone with her left hand and held another's hand with her right. She instructed the crowd that the chain must not be broken, that no one should let go of the other's hand during prayer, no matter what happens. The human chain extended for about a quarter of a kilometer, snaking around the open cathedral which had trees as its roof, gravel as its floor, wind as its air-conditioning and sick people as its community. At the center marble altar stood the statue of the Sto. Niño.

Sister Raquel told everyone to close their eyes and repeat a prayer after her. And so, they did, praying intensely, holding each other firmly. A 34-year-old engineer, Richard (not his real name), suddenly went into a violent convulsion, as if he was having an epileptic attack. His wife to his right and the man to his left, remembering sister's instructions, tightened their grip. The wife timed his convulsion. It went for more than 10 minutes.

At the end of the group healing, Richard was sweating profusely. He asked his wife to wipe his back with a towel. The wife started sobbing, for she discovered that Richard's advanced scoliosis (abnormal curving of the spine) was completely gone. His spine was instantly normal and straight.

Sister Raquel normally asks people to speak out about their healing at the end of her talk before she began her one-on-one healing. Several weeks after the human chain incident wherein Richard "sweated out" his scoliosis instantly, two women came up to speak.

The first woman recalled the same group healing. She asked sister over the microphone if she came over to her. Sister said she did not as she was at the microphone at one end of the human chain. The woman, who had her eyes closed during prayer, said she heard footsteps of someone approaching her who stopped in front of her. She felt someone stroke her gently on her cheek, the soft touch of a small hand, a child's hand. She was sick with "palsy," in the words of Sister Raquel, a type of rare skin disease that was on her entire face. The woman showed her smooth face. Her skin disease was gone. Everyone clapped.

The second woman recalled the same footsteps in front of her while she closed her eyes in prayer, but instead of gentle strokes, she received two strong slaps on her left and right cheeks. But her stiff neck was gone instantly.

Could the strange invisible healer have been the Holy Child, the Sto. Niño, whose statue stood at the altar? The Holy Child is known to be a "naughty boy" playing pranks on people, like the slap the second woman got.

Going down the convent stairs once, St. Therese of the Child Jesus was surprised to meet a small boy going up. The child asked her, "Who are you?" Amused by his aggressiveness, St. Therese replied, "I am Therese of the Child Jesus."

"And who might you be?" she asked with a reproving tone, since the place was cloistered and not open to outsiders. The child replied, "I am the Child Jesus of Therese." And the boy ran and was gone.

Sister Raquel laughs when she says the Sto. Niño was forced to do the one-on-one healing on people in the human chain because she was too tired. The spirit was willing but the flesh was weak. And so, the Holy Child came to her rescue and went on with His pranks.

The human chain is like a highway, only it is not cars that pass through but a strange healing energy that emanates from a source. It is not just Sister Raquel whom the Lord uses to heal people, it is everyone together at prayer the community. The communal aspect of healing is a strange new phenomenon. People together, if they have the faith, if they pray together, somehow have the power to heal each other.

Sister Raquel says those who have been healed car sometimes also heal. Shirley is such a person whom I interviewed. Healed of diabetes and advanced glaucoma, she reports that she has also healed her daughter. Before going to Sister Raquel, she was virtually blind, seeing everything in a blur. Now she can see clearly and uses no glasses.

Many observers see the protracted Israeli-Palestinian conflict as an omen of dire things to come. They say the attack on the birthplace of Christ, at the Church of the Nativity, is a message of a future cataclysm from an angry God on a sinful world, a cataclysm that would dwarf that of World War II. This doomsday scenario, they say, may be fulfillment of the Revelations (Protestant) or Apocalypses (Catholic). It may come now or 20 years from now, no one knows.

A purported visionary once told Sister Raquel that she will have the gift of prophecy, which she brushes aside to day. Although she discerns the hand of God in the current Middle East war, she focuses not on sin and punishment but on repentance and the return to God, not on past mistakes but on present atonement. She says the Lord's healing has a role of bringing back people to God, the return of countless prodigal sons to His welcoming arms. Today, Sister Raquel is the only emerging woman evangelist in a world dominated by men.

Thus says this woman evangelist, the Lord heals to bring back His flock to Him. The Lord makes people sick only so they can seek His healing. He brings darkness so people can seek His light. He lets them get lost in the desert so they can find His path. Pain and sickness are instruments for the return to the Lord. For those who want to see Sister Raquel e-mail for directions, or call the telephone volunteers at 9112496, 4145903, 7255387 and 5359656, eastwind@edsamail.com.ph

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Two mothers

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

vacation and their children were delighted to discover that she liked nothing better than to go shopping in the malls. Not because she wanted to buy things for herself, he said, but because she had a long list of *pasalubongs* for those back home: her grandchildren, other relatives and neighbors, including the butcher who made home deliveries.

As she constantly reminded her three sons: Whatever little you give will come back to you a hundredfold. Many times, Willy said, relatives would drop by their Pasig home unannounced, arriving with a sad story to tell and leaving with a smile and some form of help from Ma.

But Ma Cruz was no pushover. Having helped support her parents and siblings since she was a young woman during the War, she was plainspoken and blunt in her judgments. And of all the people she could not countenance, it was braggarts and show-offs.

Once, Willy remembered, a customer came to Ma's dress shop to order a wedding gown and outfits for the entire entourage. It was a big account, but there was one hitch, Ma and the customer could not understand each other. The customer had lived for five years in Australia and had already acquired a thick Australian accent and forgotten how to speak Filipino. Just then, a *balikbayan* friend of hers dropped by. "Listen to this man," Ma told her customer, "he's lived for 30 years in the States and still speaks straight Tagalog."

"She lost a customer that day," Willy recalls, "but she would say afterwards that that was surely one customer worth losing."

MA CRUZ lives on mainly in the memories she imparted to her grandchildren, for she was a gifted

story-teller who loved to "walk" the young ones through her past and to a Philippines long gone.

Three years ago, Willy and Chona's daughter Cesi wrote a poem inspired by Ma Cruz. Called "Recuerdo," or memory, the poem won the John F. Kennedy Center Cultural Heritage Prize for Poetry, for which honor Cesi was invited to read it onstage during the awarding rites at the Kennedy Center.

Here's a "Recuerdo" for one grandmother and all our mothers:

*"Why don't you like the marketplace?"
My grandmother asked me eight years ago,
one hand firmly on my arm,
the other clutching an empty straw basket,
"It's like walking through a door
and finding yourself in the past..."
her voice dreamy, reminiscing,
telling me about how the world used to be
and even more about worlds that never were.*

*I see her now, still strong, still dreaming,
her face edged with untold emotions
but all she does is smile
as she presses ten pesos
into the palm of my hand
as though I were eight years old again,
asking for a few coins to spend on candy.
She walks back to her house to rest
And I wander out into the marketplace alone.*

*I walk past all the street vendors
selling sweet potatoes coated with
caramelized sugar,
or deep-fried fish wrapped in banana leaves;
The small stands selling chicken
barbecued on bamboo sticks;
The bakery with its bread and pastries,
honey cakes and sticky sweet candies;
The beggar children
happily folding newspaper into tiny boats
to sail in the muddy street gutters.
I remember the stories my grandmother told me
about walking through a door to yesterday
for me, that door led to tomorrow
and now,
I am going back.*

The values of mothers

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Randy David

unconditional generosity she showered on her children and grandchildren. I used to say, she was a product of her time, and in this she was not alone. She came from a generation gripped by the horrific scarcity of war, for whom the family naturally always came first.

Like many of her contemporaries, my mother developed tenacious habits that lived beyond the demands of war-time survival. She never ate with us when we were children. She would see to it that everyone had enough to eat. She would eat what was left over and only after everyone else had finished. We were already all married before she dropped this habit and finally joined us at her own dining table. These values may seem contradictory, but they are not. They are drawn from the same well of kindness that could sustain communities larger than the family if we developed the habit of thinking of people different from us as members of our significant others.

I tell this story about my mother in order to differentiate three concepts that we often confuse with one another, namely values, morality and law. The things that come naturally to us as a matter of habit and custom are our values. They are sentiments and habits of living formed by specific circumstances that over the years have become so intimately woven into our own sense of self that we no longer think of them as obligations.

On the other hand, I use the term morality to refer to those obligations that we adopt as a function of our conscious need to adjust to the demands of other human beings, but which have not attained the same level of "naturalness" as

values. And finally, I use the term law to refer to those explicit rules that we subscribe to as a function of our formal membership in a community.

The distinction is not one of essence but of degree of complexity. These are all modes of adjustments to the imperatives of living with others. The most basic of them are our values, whereas morality and law arise, in the words of the philosopher Richard Rorty, "when routine is no longer good enough, or when habit and custom no longer suffice." Examples would be when "the individual's needs begin to clash with those of her family, or her family's with those of the neighbors," or when economic strain begins to split her community into warring classes, or when that community must come to terms with an alien community."

As the environment in which we must participate becomes more complex, the values we learned from our ancestors may prove insufficient or irrelevant to our needs. We adopt new moral precepts and laws in order to be able to live with a variety of people from different value systems. These new moralities and laws often clash with our pre-existing values, giving rise to many problems.

The tension is sometimes represented as a conflict between mind-sets (values) and institutions (law), or between sensibilities and structures. Should we be altering mind-sets or changing institutions? My own view is that this dualism is not useful, and that it is better to think of living, including nation-building, as a series of practical adjustments to an increasingly complex environment, rather than as a unified moral quest for some universal and eternal ideal.

Our values will necessarily change as circumstances change. And inappropriate institutions will always fail. More than measuring how far we are from a perfect model or lamenting how far we have strayed from an idealized past, what is important is imagining an attainable future we want for ourselves, and exploring different paths in order to get there.

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WE would all be psychopaths without our mothers. We would be insensitive individuals driven by raw desire, completely oblivious of the needs and pain of others and requiring constant social restraint.

We first begin to think beyond self-interest from our mothers' example of selflessness. We learn kindness, generosity and sacrifice from seeing what these women routinely give up so their offspring may live and grow. The foundation of what comes naturally to us as human beings, our sense of self, is first formed at the breast of our mothers.

But even mothers are shaped by the vagaries of time. Like all human beings, they reflect the imperatives of the particular circumstances in which they live. They are not perfect. They adjust to the concrete realities and exigencies of their time and place, often developing values or habits of living that today may seem odd and unnecessary.

Until the week she died, my mother was concerned that there might not be enough food in her home to feed all her children and grandchildren who came to visit her. Her first question whenever I came to see her was whether I had already eaten. She would wrap cooked food in old newspaper and set aside cuts of expensive meat or baskets of fruits given to her, and keep these in her refrigerator for an indefinite period. She kept a mental list of everything she had on reserve in her kitchen and would offer this blessing to members of her family.

The result of this, of course, is an accumulation of stale or rotting food that should have been eaten and shared with everyone while it was still fresh and edible. The worst thing that my mother could imagine was for anyone to throw food away. It was farthest from her mind that not consuming the food while it was still good, and storing it indefinitely rather than giving it away to people who needed it though they were not part of her narrow circle of loved ones, was itself an offensive waste.

My brothers and sisters often wondered why a good and saintly person like our mother sometimes seemed unable to extend to non-relatives the same

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TALK of the TOWN

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Why are Filipinos in a gloom, doom mood?

FILIPINOS have become largely pessimistic about their economic prospects. This is attested to by surveys that found that consumer and business confidence indices have sunk.

Many people also feel that they are worse off today compared to the previous 12 months.

Who wouldn't feel gloomy with the quality of life in the country deteriorating? Bombings, rampant urban crime, some of the world's worst pollution and corrup-

tion at every level of government confront the Filipino.

Add high prices, joblessness, low salaries for the employed and a political system not responsive to the needs of the people.

Faced with this situation, many are voting with their feet. They leave the country either as contract workers or as migrants. Others take to the hills.

'Crime has become so common'

By Cynthia Allanigue
Entrepreneur

My father was driving my five-year-old niece to school one day. As they passed the grand houses dotting the posh village where her school was located, my niece focused her attention on one extraordinarily big house, the construction of which she saw from start to finish as she would pass the same road everyday to school.

"Lolo," my niece blurted out, "I pray that one day soon you win the lotto so we, too, can live in a beautiful house."

TWO things struck my father: One, that his granddaughter's sense of happiness has been tainted by a disturbing appreciation of material things, and second, that he would need to win the lottery to be able to make that wish come true.

Over 30 years in the manufacturing and export business has taught our family the value of hard work. My mother, a public school teacher, and father, an airline employee, had always dreamed of sending us to the best schools. The only way they knew how was to set up their own business. With a start-up capital loaned from the neighborhood cooperative, another quit her job and set up an embroidery business. She would knock from door to door selling her merchandise. Sometimes she was welcomed, sometimes she was turned away. But the persis-

tence paid off and yes, our parents were able to send us to good schools.

Today, that business has become bigger with outlets spread in major department stores in the country and our exports reach the markets of Europe, the Middle East and the US. By all accounts, ours was a success story. But even that story was not enough to provide large roofs over the children's heads. The returns from an honest job are just way too modest.

Love for work

Ours was a product of the old times when industry, patience, competence and love for work were the order of the day and when all that entrepreneurship required was a small opening and a lot of determination to make an honest living. In fact, an honest living was all it took to secure a better future. It felt good to be a Filipino whose sheer "sipag at tiyaga" brought him comfort and a secure place in society.

Today all that has become a myth. Further probe of my niece's object of interest proved that the owner of the huge house was a military officer. With his official salary as a public servant, one wonders how he can afford a lifestyle beyond his declared means. And then you hear of

other people who have suddenly hit it big because they were able to corner business deals in the local municipality, just because they are good friends of local officials. Of course, between 30 years of hard work and a year of get-rich-quick business deals, it is very tempting to opt for the latter. Honesty in government? Nah, that's too much to ask.

Corruption

Corruption in government is so institutionalized that it has grossly violated the concept that if one wants to make money he has to join the private sector because the government is a place only for those who are willing to sacrifice financial gains for public service. Today, it is asking too much if we want to see honesty in government.

The playing field has become so uneven that the average Filipino who is not a relative or friend of government officials, is left with little, if any, room to improve his lot. Because corruption pays, it sends the feeling that there is no room for legitimate business to thrive in this country.

Wealth, too, has become so concentrated to a few that being born poor has become a guarantee to dying poor, and being born very rich gives one more chances of getting richer. The much-touted Filipino middle class, the one sector that has lent stability and credibility to the country, is becoming no more with their income diminishing and their opportunities getting slimmer. A sense of hope?

Nah, that's too much to ask.

The few who have opted to slug it out have become prey to petty crimes. These crimes seem to have reached irreversible heights with hold-ups, theft, even small-time kidnapping cases reported every day.

Several weeks ago, a few blocks further down our neighborhood, two retail shops were robbed and the owners, killed. A week later, the owners of a small printing press were shocked to find their office also robbed of all its printing equipment, including the computers, fax machines and television sets. This was to be their cue to leave the country and accept a job offer for the wife who had earlier applied as

'Will I be able to send my kids to school?'

By Mayang Miravite-Lometillo
Homemaker with three kids ages 2, 4 and 9

AS A HOMEMAKER, one of my daily concerns is meeting my family's basic needs. And I am confronted with several questions. Will there be food on our table tomorrow? At the rate prices of goods are going up, and salary increases at a standstill, what adjustments am I to make for our menu tomorrow? Can I still buy good edible food? Worse, will there still be food on the table next year? In a household where the wife handles the finances, does the marketing/grocery, shopping for clothes, etc., the economic crisis is so real.

Will I be able to send my kids to school next year? A lot of middle-income parents want their kids to enter a private sectarian school not only because of the quality education it offers, but also of the future networking opportunities (connections and contacts for employment and business). A high school education in Ateneo costs about P50,000 to P70,000. I inquired the other day on Miriam's rates for the nursery level—P48,445. Fantastic! With a yearly tuition increase of 15 to 20 percent, how much would I pay when my kids reach college? Not to mention other education expenses such as books, school bus, pocket money and school projects.

Moon and stars

Can we still afford to buy our own house? And if we do have our own house, can we afford to maintain it? Not just a structure with a roof and four walls, but a place where the family can be warm and comfy, with well-lighted rooms, running water, space and privacy. A place where children can feel the wind blowing, feel the warmth of the morning sun and catch a glimpse of the moon and stars before going to bed.

Interest rates are low for house loans and they say it's the right time to buy ... but I don't have money to spare to pay for interest and monthly amortization. I refuse to live in government low-cost housing projects because I refuse to live in "Snoopy's house." Some families do own their own house but what if the roof leaks? Is there enough money for repairs? What about electric and water bills? They are on the rise.

What if someone gets sick in the family? An accident? A dreaded disease? How are we supposed to pay for hospital bills, professional fees, etc? Will it drain our lifetime savings? Lucky for those with health insurance.

Is it safe in the neighborhood? It is not just the Abu Sayyaf Group. But can I ask my son to run to the store to buy *patis*? Can my kids walk safely from school without any risk of being mugged or abused? Is it safe to read the messages on my cell phone anywhere (mall or public transport) and anytime it beeps without fear that my phone will be snatched? I lost my cell phone in a mall while my nephew lost two cell phones, one in school and another in public transport.

Can I sleep peacefully at night without fear of any *akyat-bahay* gang sneaking into my house? (my niece's school busmate's father was shot by an *akyat-bahay* member in broad daylight in front of his wife and kids). Is my neighborhood free from drug dealers? I know my community is not.

Will we be able to maintain our present quality of life? Coming from a middle-income family, I know that a lot of Filipinos are in a lot far worse situation than I am now, and I dread to see the day my own family, my children suffering the same fate as the masses are suffering now.

a nurse. The entire family is scheduled to leave in June, another case of hardworking Filipinos being forced out of the country. You work hard and rather than get compensated, you get

violated. Leave. A sense of security? Nah, that's too much to ask. We can never build our children grand homes unless my father wins the lotto. But hey, maybe we can work in government.

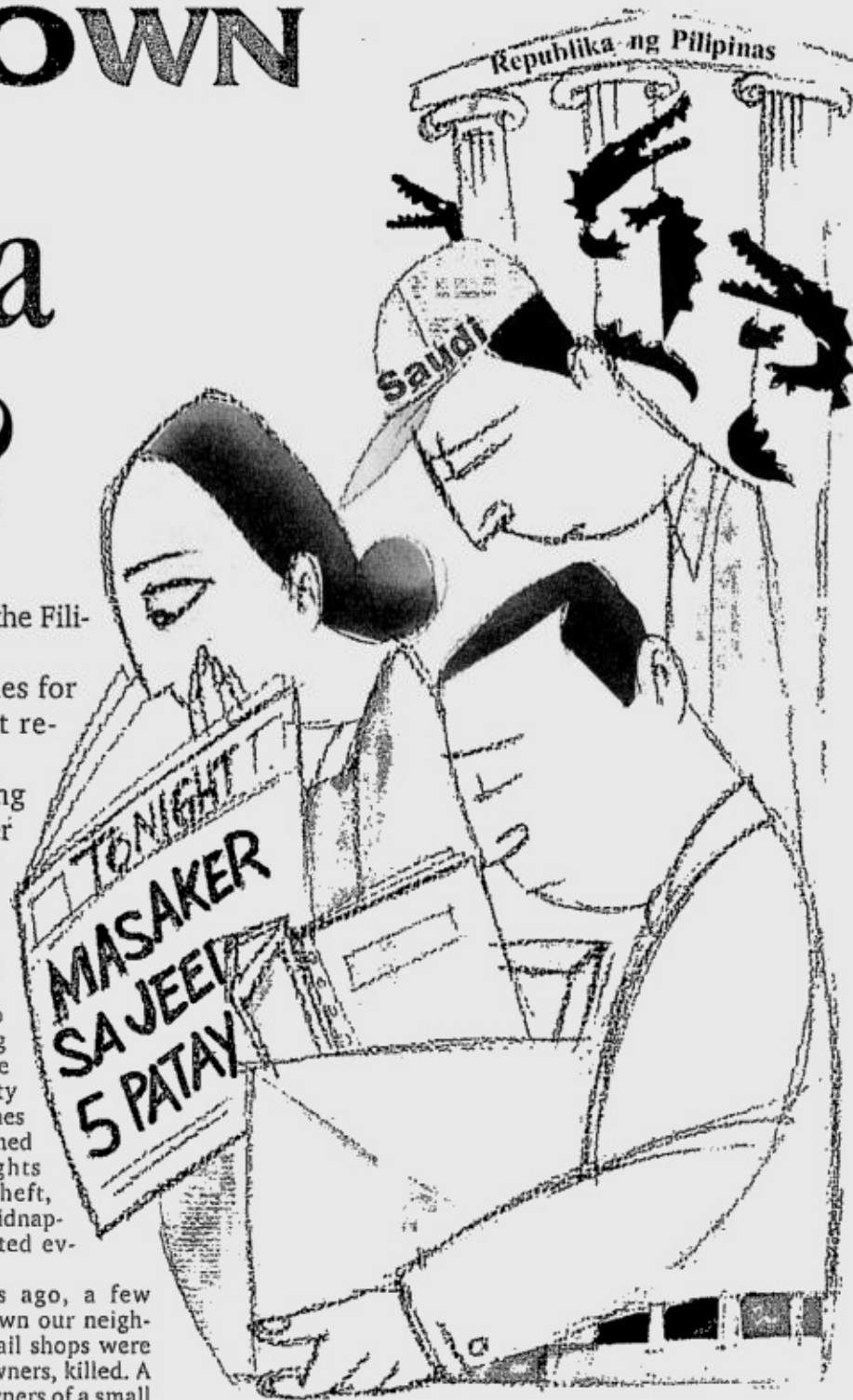


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'The Philippine nation-state has failed the people'

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THE SOCIAL Weather Stations and UP Center for Leadership, Citizenship, and Democracy survey results on the perception of Filipinos on the economic prospects of the country and state of Philippine democracy respectively are nothing new. The people's pessimistic outlook on both economic and political affairs have been expressed in multi-faceted fronts long before opinion survey outfits have been established as one of the sources of information in "scientifically" determining the people's pulse.

The Huk rebellion Central Luzon in the early years of Philippine independence, Maoist-Communist Party of the Philippines' led insurgency in the late 1960s, Muslims' secessionist movement in the early 1970s, Cordillera's movement for autonomy in the mid-1980s, proliferation of politicized NGOs and POs as alternative organizations of power outside the state, and exodus of Filipinos to find odd jobs overseas either as contract workers or migrants are manifestations of people's exasperation over the manner the country is governed.

The electoral system as a legitimate and democratic mechanism of changing political leaders has seldom served the purpose due to its structural defects that made it convenient for powerful politicians to rig election results. The legislature as an institution expected to formulate laws responsive to the needs

and demands of their destitute and powerless constituents has been dominated by the elite.

The bureaucracy tasked with delivering basic and fundamental services and goods to the people is enfeebled due to massive corrupt practices. And the judicial system, which is the last bastion of people's confidence where they can seek justice and redress, has been a source of frustration. As a result, the poor and defenseless majority have historically been forced to either resort to armed and non-armed resistance or to vote with their feet.

The sad economic and political realities of life in the archipelago are glaringly clear and opinion polls are dispensable in order to emphasize these facts.

Beyond lifeless statistics, what is more significant that surveys fail to capture or do not intend to capture is the deep feeling of alienation of the people from the government. And this feeling of separateness breeds apathy and indifference that threaten not only the political stability and security of the state but also the unification of the nation.

Unless the state and its political leaders fully appreciate and profoundly comprehend that the process of nation-building is fundamentally a process of bringing the government closer to the people, allegiance and patriotism to the state and nation respectively will simply be a chimera.

Although government's policy pronouncements to uplift the plight of the poor and empower them may seem to move toward this direction, the near-absence of tangible results that effec-

tively change their current state of living will make it difficult to convince them that the government is indeed serious in its objective. Thus, these are simply treated as another propaganda in line with the upcoming election, a process wherein the poor are seen as mere voters that can be bought and entertained.

Nation-building is a difficult but exciting process of converging people's mind and consciousness into a common goal and aspiration. It becomes imperative that people are able to identify their interests with the interests of the state, which represents the collective expression of people's wills and hopes.

However, when people feel that their interests are being sacrificed and denied by the state or their ideals are in conflict with that of the state, then national cohesiveness becomes a daunting task.

In other words, nation-building is essentially a matter of perception. One's sense of nationalism is defined in terms of one's belief that he or she belongs to a political community.

Apparently, the current pessimism of the people is not just a matter of opinion but conforms to reality. The long-drawn economic underdevelopment and political disenfranchisement of people have in fact reinforced their feeling of isolation and helplessness. Hence, they seek refuge either in a revolutionary movement or in another country.

'Politicians have not fulfilled their promise'

By Henry S. Lopez

Scriptwriter and Webpage designer

SOME people I know reached a decision to migrate elsewhere immediately after the assault on Malacañang on May 1 last year. And for a very simple reason—that the future of the Philippines belongs to the mob that marched on Malacañang and the political opportunists that unleashed it. Rightly or wrongly, this perception was widespread and apparently strong that it was able to influence life-changing decisions of many. One of my friends left late last year and a few more have sent out immigration applications. I share the sentiments of my

friends. And this seems to confirm a middle-class tendency to react on the basis of a political situation. I expected this trend of thought to be temporary, but a year after the infamous May 1 incident, I still believe that there can be a better future somewhere else. This, despite the fact that I don't foresee major political upheavals like the one I had earlier feared.

I guess it boils down to long-term economic development. Despite the improving peso and "signs" of earnest efforts and sound policy directions from the government, I feel these are not enough. Other

countries are on a march to progress. We appear to be suffering from a long-standing crisis.

And even if the economy grows in the next decade, many believe that the quality of life in the country will still fall short of what the greener pastures offer. It's as simple as that.

While this attitude may run against the spirit of patriotism, it fulfills the ideal of seeking a better life for oneself. I don't see anything disagreeable about that. Politicians, who later become our leaders, campaigned on the promise of giving us a better life. Sadly, they have yet to fulfill their promise.

The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

Church of the Nativity left in squalor

BETHLEHEM, West Bank—A 38-day standoff at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity ended with Palestinian fighters leaving for exile, Israeli troops pulling out of town and one of Christianity's holiest shrines in squalor.

A thanksgiving Mass was planned for Saturday at the now rubbish-strewn church built on the site Christians revere as the birthplace of Jesus.

Israeli troops pulled out of Manger Square as cheering Palestinian children ran toward the Church of the Nativity as calls of "Allahu Akbar"—"God is Greater"—rang out from loudspeakers on mosques.

Scores of dazed civilians, clergy

and police also emerged from the shrine Israeli forces surrounded on April 2, Reuters correspondent Paul Casciato reported from the church.

"It's not a church any more, it's a place filled with beds and trash," said teenager Sandy Shahin, a Bethlehem resident who rushed into the church minutes after the Israelis left.

"The smell is too bad. The floor is too bad. I'm filled with fear,"

Shahin, a Roman Catholic, said behind some sobs.

Many of the militants looked haggard and tired. But some strode defiantly past the troops after leaving the fourth-century church, strewn with mattresses, food scraps and what the Israeli Army said were 40 explosive devices left behind by the gunmen.

Under a European-brokered deal, the 13 Palestinians in the church who were on Israel's most-wanted list were flown on Friday to Cyprus, the first stop in an exile that will take them to third countries.

Twenty-six other Palestinians

considered less serious offenders by Israel were expelled from the West Bank and taken by armored bus to Gaza. Flag-waving crowds gave them a heroes' welcome as the men headed to beachfront hotel accommodations.

Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers rumbled out of Bethlehem, the last Palestinian city still held by Israeli forces that launched a crushing offensive in the West Bank on March 29 after suicide attacks killed dozens of Israelis.

It also appeared that Israel was backing away from a confrontation in the Gaza Strip, where Pal-

estinians had braced for an assault in retaliation for a suicide bombing that killed 15 Israelis near Tel Aviv on Tuesday.

A senior Israeli political source, said Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer froze the operation "for the time being" after Israeli media reported details of the planned campaign.

Israel has called up reservists and made no secret it intended to go after militants in Gaza.

"We hope Israel will give up on this invasion completely," Palestinian Cabinet minister Nabil Sha'ath said in Gaza, calling on Israeli

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to start peace negotiations instead.

Sharon, who has said Yasser Arafat could never be Israel's peace partner, has made talks conditional on an end to Palestinian violence and a major restructuring of the Palestinian Authority.

"The end of the standoff in Bethlehem is a positive development that removes an obstacle to restoring security cooperation between the parties and should advance the prospects for resuming a political process toward peace," US President George W. Bush said in a statement.

Reuters

Moscow's mole in FBI draws life

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—An apologetic Robert Hanssen, the disgraced former FBI agent considered one of the most damaging spies in US history, was sentenced on Friday to life in prison for selling secrets for two decades to Moscow.

Hanssen, who pleaded guilty last year to disclosing some of the nation's most sensitive secrets in exchange for \$1.4 million in cash and diamonds, stood in court and apologized for his behavior, telling a packed courtroom, "I am ashamed by it."

The 25-year FBI veteran avoided the death penalty after reaching a plea agreement with government prosecutors in which he promised to discuss fully with investigators his espionage, which caused at least two Soviet KGB officers spying for the United States to be executed.

Despite some division within the US government over how well Hanssen was living up to his side of the plea agreement, prosecutors and defense attorneys asked US District Chief Judge Claude Hilton to sentence Hanssen to life in prison.

Standing in the courtroom before

Hilton, who sentenced him to life in prison without possibility of parole, the former counter-intelligence specialist said, "I apologize for my behavior. I've betrayed the trust of so many."

"I have opened the door for calumny against my totally innocent wife and children. I've hurt so many deeply," said Hanssen, 58, who waved faintly to someone and looked around the courtroom repeatedly after entering.

"For all this, I stand ready to accept the sentence of this court," he said, looking gaunt in a green prisoner's jumpsuit.

None of Hanssen's family members were in court Friday.

Hanssen's double life stretched into his personal affairs. A father of six and devoted member of the conservative



HANSEN in an undated handout photo.

Opus Dei faction of the Roman Catholic church, Hanssen was found to have given some money and a car to a stripper he met at a nightclub.

Hanssen was arrested in a Virginia suburb in February, 2001, after dropping off a bundle of classified material at a park near his home to be picked up by his Russian handlers.

In July, Hanssen pleaded guilty to 15 counts of spying for Moscow as part of the plea agreement with the government.

Under the deal, Hanssen promised to discuss truthfully his sale of US secrets and intelligence, first to the Soviet Union during the Cold War and then to Russia. The spying began in 1979—just three years after he became an FBI agent.

After more than 200 hours of debriefings, authorities were divided over whether Hanssen had cooperated fully. The deal could have been declared null if it could be proven that Hanssen was not cooperating fully, but prosecutors decided they did not have enough information to do so.

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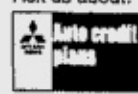
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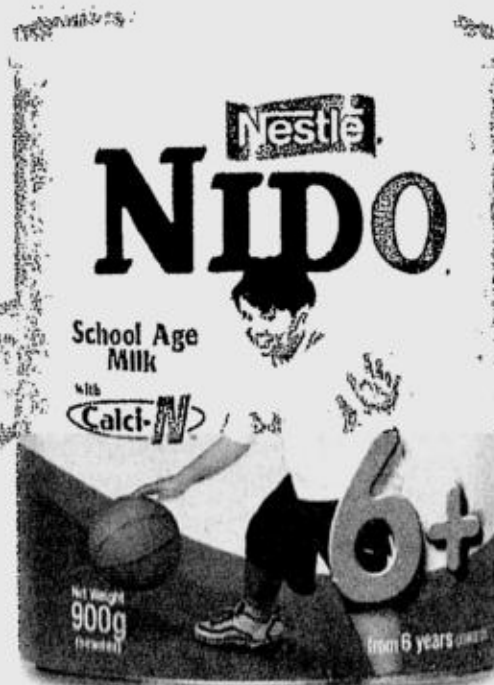
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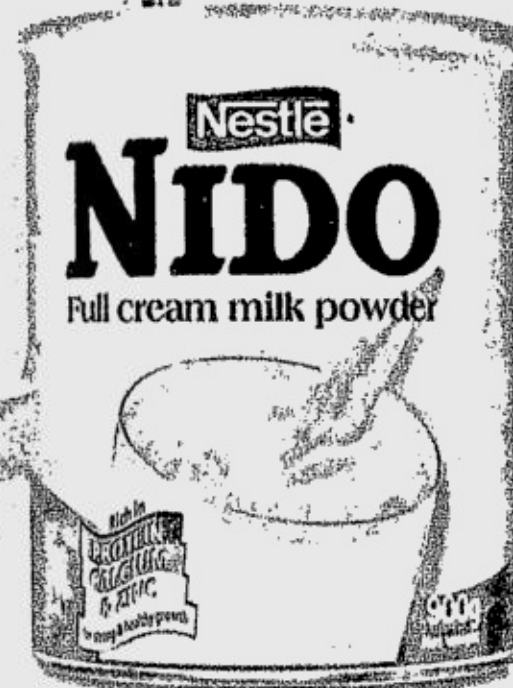
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5th UK rail crash spurs anger

POTTERS BAR, England—Britons, angered by the fifth fatal rail crash in recent years, on Saturday questioned how safety standards failed to prevent a passenger train crash that killed seven people and injured dozens more.

Passengers were crushed and flung out of windows as a four-carriage train derailed and hurtled into the station at Potters Bar, north of London, on Friday.

At least seven people were killed and six critically injured. About 75 "walking wounded" were treated near the scene.

The crash renewed Britons' fears that Third World standards had undermined the heavily used public rail network in one of the world's richest nations.

"How can this be? It's too much. People will stop using trains if this goes on," said Ron

Tarling, who was cut on the head by flying debris as he drove his car under a bridge where the train came off the track.

"I sincerely hope that (Transport Secretary) Stephen Byers has given his notice in by now. If not, he should do."

Police and rail authorities would not be drawn on the cause of the crash but said investigations would continue around the clock.

Rail experts and media said faulty points or debris on the line were the most likely causes.

Byers moved swiftly to calm public fears, saying that rail travel was still the safest form of public transport and promising a full investigation.

National newspapers said on Saturday a public inquiry was essential if Britons' battered confidence in the rail system was to be restored.

"People lost their lives yesterday at Potters Bar who should still be alive today. Someone in the railway system is to blame for their loss," The Guardian newspaper said in its editorial.

The Sun said five crashes in five years was a shaming safety record. "The government may claim it is getting to grips with the massive problems of our rail system. But does anyone believe them?"

The Daily Mirror's frontpage headline read: "Safe? You must be bloody joking Byers."

Beleaguered national rail operator Railtrack, already facing a crisis of confidence due to other crashes and delays caused by emergency repairs, said the train was probably travelling at about 100 miles per hour as normal for that route.

Some commentators were

quick to blame the accidents of recent years on the privatization of rail services in Britain, where the world's first public steam railway began operating in 1825.

"We have now had around 60 people killed in rail crashes in the last five years. In the five years previous to that, there were 10 to 11 people killed and that was when privatization began," transport journalist Christian Wolmar told Sky news.

At the scene of the accident, stunned eyewitnesses and survivors told terrible stories, as rescuers continued to work overnight to extricate bodies and investigate the wreckage.

"We just saw bodies flying out of the train... One guy was rolled up like a ball, came flying through the window. It was just absolutely awful," said Amadin Ryan. **Reuters**



DEVOTED
Singaporean actor Pierre Png (left) and his actress girlfriend, Andrea de Cruz, shown in this undated file photo, are recuperating well after he donated half of his liver to save her life in a real-life medical drama. **AFF**



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Court rules gay student can take date to prom

OSHAWA, Ontario—Mere hours before the dance was to begin, a gay Canadian teenager won the right on Friday to take his boyfriend to his high school prom after a court overruled the objections of the Roman Catholic school.

Marc Hall, who said his rights had been violated by the school board's actions, said he jumped for joy on hearing the court's decision.

"I'm very excited and so happy that we won. It's such a wonderful feeling," Hall said as he stood hand in hand with his boyfriend, Jean-Paul Dumond, beside a black stretch limousine ready to whisk them to the party in this city just east of Toronto.

Hall, a 17-year-old with spiky blue hair to match his blue tie and white tuxedo, took his school board to court to fight for the right to take the 21-year-old Dumond to the dance.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Robert McKinnon granted Hall's request for an injunction against the Durham Catholic District School Board just hours before the party was set to begin.

"I feel at ease now just knowing we're going to be free of discrimination," Hall told reporters as media helicopters hovered overhead.

Dumond, who requested the media not follow him and his boyfriend to the actual dance, said the pair felt that "we weren't worth anything to anyone" when the school board banned them from the prom.

The school board said it had no choice but to let the couple attend the dance, given the ruling.

"Although we are extremely disappointed at the court's ruling, we are bound by it. Marc and his boyfriend will be permitted to attend the prom if they wish," school board member Mary Ann Martin told a news conference.

Officials at the school in Oshawa had argued they were entitled to run the school in accordance with Catholic teachings. **Reuters**

WORLDBRIEFS

Moussaoui's lies

WASHINGTON—Zacarias Moussaoui made it possible for the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States to go forward by lying to federal agents to cover up the plot, and therefore, the death penalty does apply to his case, US prosecutors said on Friday. Prosecutors responded to arguments by Moussaoui's lawyers that the government could not seek the death penalty because he was already in US custody on immigration charges on Sept. 11 when the attacks occurred. Moussaoui was arrested in August in Minnesota after arousing the suspicion of flight school officials. In March, prosecutors told the court that Moussaoui—the only person indicted for the hijacked plane attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that killed about 3,000 people—should be executed if convicted at trial. **Reuters**

Accused priest backed

WASHINGTON—New York Cardinal Edward Egan testified five years ago that he encouraged a Roman Catholic priest to continue working even though he knew the priest had admitted to sexual abuse. The Washington Post reported on Saturday. Last month, Egan, the spiritual leader of about 2.4 million New York Catholics, issued an apology for mistakes he may have made in failing to address cases involving sexual abuse of children by priests. In March he said any priest who abused a child would be removed from ministry. But the Post said in videotaped testimony in a 1997 lawsuit brought against the diocese at Bridgeport, Connecticut, which Egan headed at the time, he said he would not summarily suspend a priest even in the face of allegations of sexual abuse. The lawsuit was brought by Frank Martinelli who had testified that a priest named Laurence Brett had sexually assaulted him three times as a teenager. **Reuters**

S. Korea battles FMD

SEOUL—South Korea, battling to contain an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, said on Saturday it would slaughter more livestock after two pigs tested positive. The latest cases, a major blow to South Korea's livestock and feed industries, were confirmed just three weeks before tens of thousands of tourists are expected to visit the country as it cohosts soccer's month-long World Cup finals with Japan. The outbreak of the disease is a blow to South Korea's livestock and feed industries, which resumed pork exports for the first time since a cattle outbreak of the disease in 2000 halted pork shipments worth \$400 million a year, mainly to Japan. **Reuters**

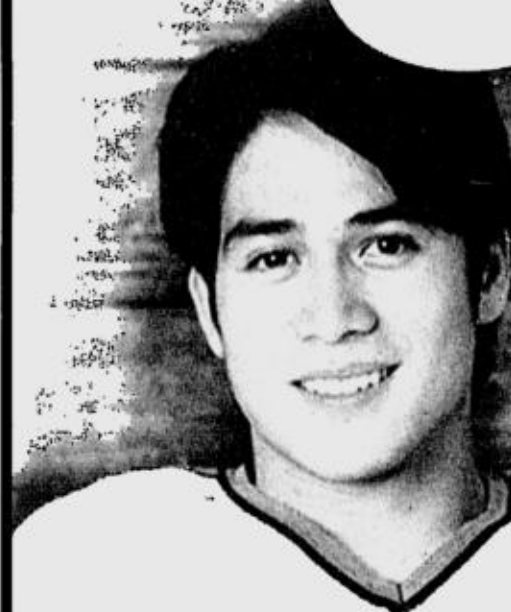
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Across the NATION

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Bicol Region, Visayas and Mindanao including Palawan will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms. source: **pagasa**

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	HI 35° Lo 24°
Baguio	Partly Cloudy	HI 26° Lo 16°
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	HI 37° Lo 23°
Laoag	Partly Cloudy	HI 36° Lo 26°
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	HI 36° Lo 24°
Tagaytay	Partly Cloudy	HI 33° Lo 22°
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 25°
Calapan	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 26°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains	HI 34° Lo 26°
Roxas	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 27°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 26°
Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 26°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 25°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 26°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 24°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 26°

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ROUNDUP

Floating milkfish

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan—While Dagupan City was celebrating a *bangus* (milkfish) festival last week, *bangus* cultured in rivers here were floating belly up, dead from lack of dissolved oxygen and heat. Westly Rosario, chief of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources research center in Dagupan, said aquaculture had just started in the capital town, but the fish pens had already been hit by fish kill. Affected were two fish pens in the Balococ River. Rosario noted the reddish-brown color of water in the river, "which could mean that it was already suffering from pollution due to excess feeds."

Yolanda Fuentes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Death in videoke bar

TUGUEGARAO CITY—A police officer was shot and killed by three men inside a videoke bar here on Wednesday, police said. The body of SPO2 Larry Abalos was found sprawled inside the Sampaguita bar on Barangay Tanza Road. He was a brother of Senior Supt. Oscar Abalos, regional police deputy director.

Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Church office robbed

ILAGAN, Isabela—Unidentified men broke into the offices here of the Social Action Center and the education forum of the Diocese of Ilagan on May 7 or May 8, a priest said. Fr. Gregorio Uanan, Diocese of Ilagan chancellor and SAC director, said a computer, a television set and a video cassette player were taken. Uanan said the break-in could have been made either by plain robbers or some people who wanted to get vital information from the two offices.

Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

On with the show

BAGUIO CITY—A judge turned down a petition to stop the operation of a carnival inside an elementary school campus here. Judge Fernando Vil Pamintuan of the regional trial court said there was no need to issue a temporary restraining order against Ranulfo Abenir Games and Amusement Rides Inc., operator of the carnival, at the Quezon Elementary School, since no gambling games existed there. The city government earlier ordered the closure following reports that gambling was being tolerated within the carnival premises. Audrey Velasco and Catherine de la Chica, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

5 arrested for shabu

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Police arrested at least five persons, including two elementary school teachers and a barangay councilor, during a buy-bust operation here on Wednesday. Chief Supt. Felicisimo Khu Jr., city police director, identified the suspects as George Delfin, 34, assigned at the Macasandig Elementary School in Cagayan de Oro; Eduardo Salcedo, 38, a teacher at the Jasaan Elementary School in Misamis Oriental; Kagawad Alberto Icalenos, 40, of Lower Jasaan, also in Misamis Oriental; Kelly Gabatan, 19, a jeepney driver; and Lanie Dael, 42. Khu said the raiding team confiscated shabu worth about P18,000 from the suspects.

Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Plane crashlands

CALATAGAN, Batangas—Nobody was hurt in the crashlanding of a six-seat air taxicab of Pacific Air Co. on the runway of the Bigaa Air Strip in Barangay Balitoc, this town, on May 7. The twin-engine commercial plane with tail end No. RP C1175 was on its way to Coron, Palawan, to bring spare parts for another plane when it lost its brakes. Pilot Sixto Eder, 31, of Paranaque City, was forced to swerve the plane toward the shoulder of the airstrip and hit the cyclone wire fence. The passengers—Conrado Daloy, Mateo Evangelina, Phoney Croit Ross and Danielle Sanders—and co-pilot J. Lapangan were unharmed.

Mel Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Man's body found

SAN JOSE, Batangas—The body of a man in an advanced stage of decomposition was found inside a well on May 7 in Barangay Balagtasin, this town. The hands of the still unidentified victim had been cuffed. Residents described the victim as having fair complexion, medium build, and curly hair, 5'4" tall, and wearing a gray sleeveless shirt and white underwear. The body was brought to Funeraria Jun in this town. Mel Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Dead man in tollway

TANAUAN CITY—A security guard of the Southern Tagalog Access Road tollway found the body of a man in the gutter of the highway in Barangay Sambat, this city, on May 6. The body of the still unidentified victim had multiple abrasions and was in an advanced stage of decomposition. The victim was described as 40 to 45 years old, with brown complexion, 5'4" tall and weighing about 180 lbs. He was wearing short pants and a black sandio shirt. The upper torso was inside a red sack. The corpse is now at the Reycon Funeral parlor in Barangay Poblacion, this city. Mel Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

SUBIC FREEPORT

Search for shabu continues

By Ansbert Joaquin
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE—The search for the "big haul" of shabu here has widened after the PNP Narcotics Group regional office served another search warrant against Bollard International, an investor at the freeport.

After two rounds of random check on the goods inside Bldg. 1036 at the naval supply depot compound using drug-sniffing dogs from the police and the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, the search has yet to yield any shabu.

Carlo Joaquin Jr., chief of the PNP

Narcotics Group regional office based in the City of San Fernando in Pampanga, said Bollard International is owned by Alvin Ong and Darie Dacurro.

The search warrant was the second served against Subic freeport investors in a week. The first was against Everich Subic International, a locator involved in the transshipment and warehousing of cigarettes.

Earlier, the same raiding team conducted searches aboard two Chinese fishing vessels also inside the freeport.

Chief Insp. Napolleon Garde Villegas Jr. identified the vessels as the FV Yuet Luk Yuen and the FV Min Shi Yui, both of which docked at the freeport last May 7.

Police, however, failed to recover shabu from both vessels.

Chief Supt. Efrén Fernandez, PNP Narcotics Group chief, said so far, only 25.5 grams of illegal drugs have been found inside the Everich warehouse.

He said the search was ongoing and that they wanted to find out if Subic is indeed being used as transshipment point for the illegal drugs.

Everich chief executive officer Virginia Abella denied having anything to do with the shabu allegedly found inside the warehouse.

She said at least 15 of the company's employees, including three of its foreign owners, were being held inside the warehouse.

She identified the foreign owners as David Yu, an Australian; Tan Ahseng, a Malaysian; and Tsai Fou Khou, a Tai-

wanese.

The scanning equipment of the PNP Narcotics Group arrived on Thursday night and immediately started to check packages of cigarettes inside the warehouse. But until Friday noon, the search had yet to yield shabu.

Everich legal counsel, lawyer Edilberto Balingit, said the search was almost 80-percent complete.

It appeared that the police would "fail to find a large amount of shabu, large enough to establish that Everich is involved in illegal transshipment or trafficking of shabu," he said.

He added: "It is presumed that somebody else who is biased against the firm, business-wise or political-wise, has been behind all these."

Design job offers pour for Sept. 11 tilt winner

DAVAO CITY—The US Federal Reserve Bureau is reportedly keen on minting commemorative coins depicting the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks based on a design made by a computer graphics expert here.

Ray Irwin Rubio, who bagged the top prize in the recent commemorative coin design contest sponsored by the US software company Corel, said he learned of the plan from an uncle living in the United States.

Rubio, who teaches at the Genetics Computer School here, said that according to his uncle, the plan has yet to be finalized.

Rubio, 22, bested 30 other designers from around the globe in the online design contest, which Corel Corp. launched with Squareonegraphics.com in February.

When the winning design was announced, Rubio said his family was still mourning the loss of his maternal grandfather, Basilio Palmero, who died in a vehicular accident.

Today, as he waits for the final plan from the US government to use his design for a commemorative coin, Rubio is busy studying offers to do some designs for local companies.

Just the other day, he met with officials of Cebu's famous Suarez Brothers, a company known for its college rings, to talk about an offer.

Rubio said Suarez Brothers want him to design the logo for the upcoming GMA medals that the company will be producing.

"I don't know what the medals are for. They just told me that they wanted my talent... expertise," he said.

Rubio said he was told people from the company became interested in his talent after reading an *INQUIRER* article about his winning in the Corel contest.



RAY Irwin Rubio, a computer instructor of the Genetic Computer Institute in Davao City, poses with his award after topping the Sept. 11 commemorative coin design contest sponsored by Corel.

BING GONZALES/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

After the story came out, other media outfits started doing pieces on him.

The other day, ABS-CBN's TV Patrol featured Rubio after he was interviewed by radio DZMM.

"I am very happy. I never thought that my winning would be received with such magnitude," Rubio said.

Unknown to him, recognition of his talent has just begun.

In the city council, a councilor said it was only appropriate that Rubio be commended for the honor he brought to the city after winning the Corel contest.

Councilor Victorio Advincula said he was only waiting for the decision of the committee on education before he sponsors a resolution recognizing Rubio.

"If the committee on education will not act, I will sponsor the resolution," Advincula said.

Ayan C. Mellejor and Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Immigration bureau orders deportation of 11 Indians

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The Bureau of Immigration has ordered the deportation of 11 Indian nationals who were apprehended on Wednesday for trying to enter the city illegally.

The aliens were identified as Jagtar Singh, 20; Tejinder Singh, 16; Dinesh Kumar Himthani, 24; Sandhu Manjinder, 32; Jagjit Singh, 23; Surjit Singh, 35; Anraj Singh, 37; Singh Gurcharanjit, 30; Tripta Devi, 38; Jaswant Singh, 46 and Balwinder Singh, 24. The Singhs are reportedly relatives.

They were intercepted by Coast Guard authorities while on their way to this city from Manado, Indonesia, on board the FB Mudah Hazel-1, a motorized fishing banca owned by business tycoon Domingo Teng.

Local Coast Guard personnel arrested the aliens some 1,500 meters from the Labu Point in Barangay Bawing at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

Only two of them had passports, it was discovered.

During interrogation at the BI office here, the Indian nationals said they came to look for employment.

After the investigation, they were sent to

the BI regional office in Davao City, where deportation proceedings began.

Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said he wanted the immigration bureau to furnish him a list of aliens coming in and out of the city to monitor their activities.

Duterte said this would greatly enhance the city's contribution to the national government's anti-terrorism campaign.

"I demand a list of those aliens coming in and out... disembarking from ships and boats. And I insist that all cargoes must pass customs and immigration," he told police and military officials during a command conference at the Royal Mandaya Hotel on Friday.

The mayor said he also wanted to know the control flow implemented at the Davao fishport in Daliao, Toril District, where both local and foreign fishing boats dock.

"I am not saying that the (fishport) is being used as entry point (of terrorists). What I am saying is that it might be used. I want to make sure that aliens coming in are properly recorded... make sure that when they go out, they really go out and not come back," he said. Aquiles Z. Zonio and Ayan C. Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Next Southcom chief sees Sayyaf problem as 'acute appendicitis'

"IT'S nice to be back in Mindanao," said Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, who will be replacing his mistah, Lt. Gen. Roy Cimat, as commander of the military's Southern Command on May 20.

Carolina, a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class '70, is not a stranger to Mindanao. He has spent most of his military years on the island.

In a telephone interview, he said he was very comfortable in the area and "familiar with the environment and the challenges ahead."

Carolina said he knew the people he will work with, which, he stressed, was very important in his new post.

"I am very thankful to the President for her trust and confidence. Southcom (chief) is a very sensitive position. We all know it's the priority concern," he said.

In Lucena City, Carolina, who is serving his last days as head of the Southern Luzon command, said he saw the Abu Sayyaf, a bandit group responsible for a rash of kidnappings in the Southern Philippines, as an "acute appendicitis" that needs immediate excision.

He said the government should solve the Abu Sayyaf problem immediately because of its impact on so many things, especially the economy.

He admitted that the group was hard to nail down "because they (Abu Sayyaf members) have dispersed into small groups and any effort (at) locating them is similar to finding the proverbial needle in the haystack," he noted.

Carolina started his military career in Mindanao where he was assigned right after graduation from the PMA. He joined the 4th Infantry Division based in Cagayan de Oro City.

"That was the only division assigned in Mindanao at that time," he said. "Then I went back during the early '90s as chief of staff of the same division that covered Northern Mindanao."

First star

Carolina recalled that he got his first "star" also in Mindanao when he was brigade commander of the 401st Infantry Brigade based in the Caraga.

He also served as spokesperson of the Armed Forces.

Before he entered the PMA, Carolina was a chemical engineering student at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.

After his two-year stint Cagayan de Oro City, he went back to UP, where he obtained a master's degree in Mathematics. He then taught at the PMA.

Asked to compare members of the Abu Sayyaf of old with those of the present-day group, Carolina said, "I think it is in the kind of support that they now have."

Through the years, he said, the Abu Sayyaf has accumulated firearms and weapons from their criminal activities and has made an enterprise out of what they started as a political organization fighting for a cause.



CAROLINA

It deteriorated into a bandit group, he said.

"The Abu Sayyaf has also learned how to exploit the issue of extreme poverty in Mindanao. Many poor areas have become their mass base. It's very hard to look for people who are home-grown, well-versed with the terrain and are sympathetic."

No target date

Carolina declined to set a target date for the resolution of the Abu Sayyaf problem, saying it was very hard to make a promise.

According to Col. Jose Mabanta, Armed Forces spokesperson, Carolina also served as tactical officer of the PMA from 1974 to 1980.

In 1980, he attended a military comptrollership course at the US Army School of Administration in Indiana and in 1987, acquired another masteral degree in Applied Business Economics at the Center for Research and Communication in Pasig City.

While commanding the 401st IB, Carolina launched "Luntiang Caraga-Alay sa Kinabukasan (Green Caraga-A Tribute to the Future."

The campaign focused on massive tree planting in the region, then part of Northern Mindanao.

Second star

After his stint in Caraga, Carolina was named commander of the 7th Infantry Division in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija, and was awarded his second star.

"I got all my stars on the field, no stars in the office," he said.

He is married to Aurora Blancaflor Dominguez of Olongapo City and has five children—three girls and two boys.

Mabanta said the President's choice of Carolina was commendable.

"The President has decided. Among the several candidates, all of whom have sterling credentials and good military record to speak of, General Carolina seems to have gotten the nod from President because of his leadership," Mabanta said.

"He sees it that he is always in the forefront, where the men are, and we believe he is the best choice for Southcom, considering that Southcom is the largest area command," he added. Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, and Joselle d.R. Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau

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Media find a new medium

By Merpu Roa
Ozamiz City

MINDANAO-based journalists are now examining themselves, hoping that they can become more responsive and relevant in the wake of the many shifting, fast-paced and sometimes confusing convergences around them.

The Gagayan de Oro Press Club (COPC) will gather key personalities from the local government and civil society groups for an engagement with media practitioners as they celebrate Press Week on the last week of this month.

"It's now their time to roast media practitioners on practically any topic and concern they want to raise," said COCPC Vice President Uriel Quilanguing.

Quilanguing, who is editor of the weekly Golden Chronicle, admitted the engagement to be timely.

Recently, he noted, many Gagayans questioned the conduct of a commentator who, despite having reportedly violated every tenet of good journalism, continues to be allowed by the radio station's owners to harangue listeners.

At the height of the "all-out war" policy of the Estrada administration against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in 2000, this commentator reportedly challenged rebel commanders to armed duels while besmirching the Muslims' religious beliefs and culture.

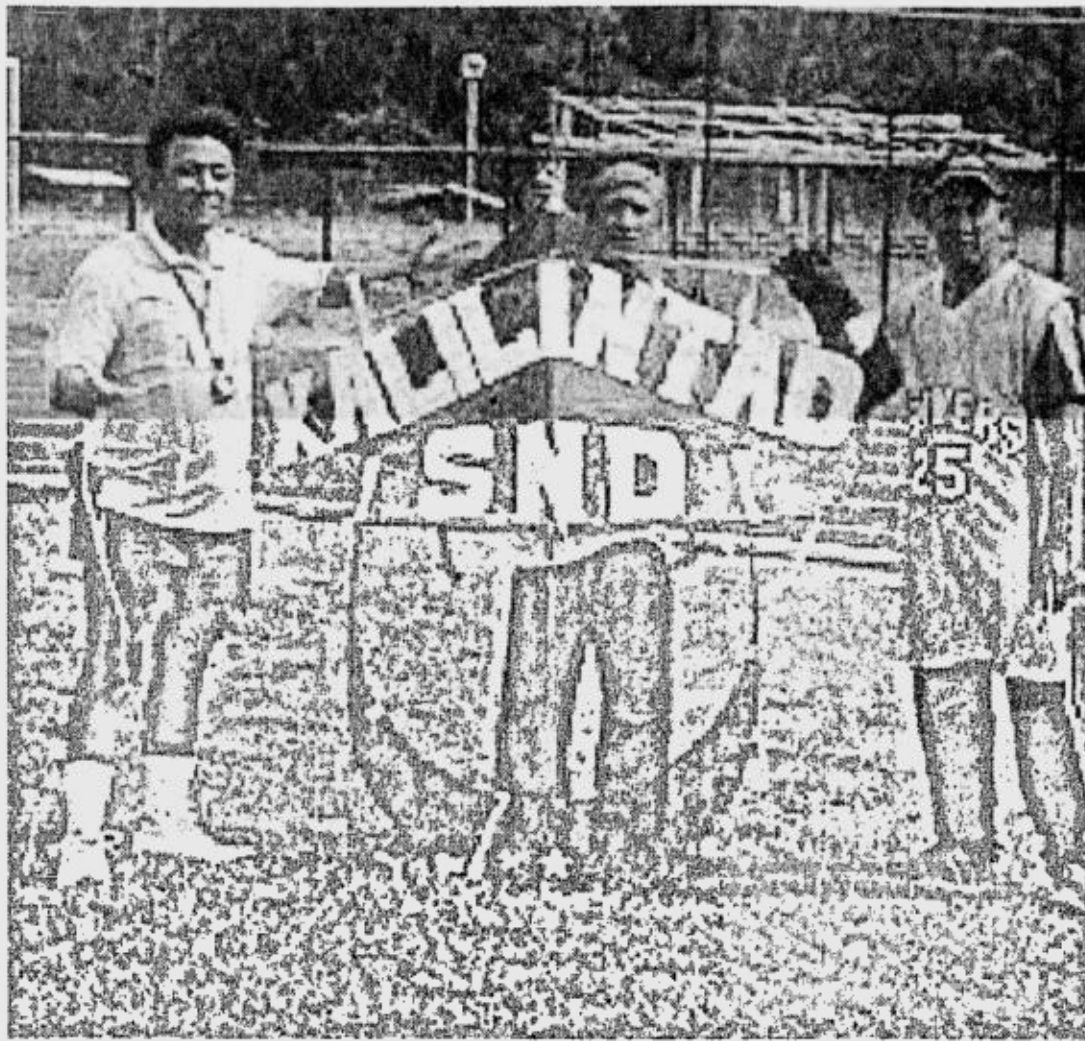
In Central Mindanao, the Federation of Reporters for Equality and Empowerment (FREE) is initiating a bloodletting campaign in Cotabato City to improve its inventory of blood.

FREE secretary general Romy Elusfa said the grenade blast that killed 14 people and wounded many others in Cotabato City two weeks ago highlighted the urgent need for a blood donation campaign because hospitals had run out of blood.

Instead of the usual bombardment and finger-pointing tirades in the media, "we thought, 'Why not initiate an activity that would substantially address this problem?'" Elusfa explained.

He said his group aimed to gather as many media practitioners as possible on May 24, hoping that other people in the community will follow.

Elusfa admitted that engaging the journalists themselves to undertake



A "PEACE" kite is ready to be flown in Kauswagan town in Lanao del Norte, where the Estrada administration's "all-out war" against Moro rebels began two years ago.

community-enhancing activities could bring more positive results rather than they playing the typecast role of judges and critics.

Media summit

On May 16-18, about 100 practitioners from both print and broadcast media will gather in Davao to answer pressing questions they have often thrown to their readers, listeners and viewers.

For the first time in the history of Mindanao's media, the summit will bring together the industry's decision-makers.

"Together we can assess our role in the face of increasingly difficult challenges and rapid national and international developments and come up with and commit to a collective stand on how best we can pursue our role as media practitioners in a multicultural setting," organizers said in a statement.

According to the statement, the summit seeks to identify problems confronting media in their reportage of Mindanao and assess their response to

the pressing issues and concerns of the island.

It proposes solutions to the problems to be identified, on short-, medium- and long-term bases.

It will promote understanding among journalists on the history of Mindanao, its conflicts and cultural diversities, as well as awareness and appreciation of media's role in helping build a culture of peace.

The summit also aims to strengthen and consolidate the media toward a "tri-people" (Christian, Muslim and "lunad") approach to promote more responsible reporting.

Kites for Peace

On May 18, kites calling for peace in Mindanao will dot the skies of Ozamiz, Dipolog, Pagadian, Iligan, Cagayan de Oro, Butuan, Zamboanga and Davao cities.

Spearheaded by the Mindanao Institute of Journalism (MinJourn), together with the Center for Community Journalism and Development (CCJD) and local media organizations, the renewed peace campaign is set against a back-

drop of renewed terrorism which recently reared its ugly head in General Santos and Cotabato cities, aside from the long-running spectacle in Basilan.

In partnership with the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP-Ozamiz), the forum will gather and facilitate community discussions on how to obtain and sustain peace, said KBP chair Delia Rosal.

A three-hour peace concert by local bands will be held on the City Hall grounds shortly after the forum.

The media organizations of FREE in Cotabato and the COPC in Cagayan de Oro will hold their own flying of peace kites at the close of the celebration of Press Month.

The MinJourn, in a statement, called on residents to express their sentiments by also flying kites on May 18, "so as to let the entire country know that there are far more many of us who want peace compared to those who peddle the ideology of war."

Shift

There is really a need for media practitioners to shift their position from being at the center of events to a place where they acknowledge that they, too, are part of the community, says CCJD Executive Director Red Batario.

And this is happening in Mindanao with the growing number of media practitioners doing "public journalism," Batario admits. Under this type of journalism, the journalists' inherent drawing power can be effectively harnessed to build communities and even help in resolving conflicts.

The mayor's new clothes

By Anthony S. Allada
Magsaysay, Davao del Sur

AS he walked down the aisle of the Sto. Niño parish church with other men dressed in long robes at the start of the afternoon Mass on Maundy Thursday, he emerged with familiarity that drew most of the churchgoers' attention.

People murmured and were glad to see their own mayor standing as one of the 12 men who acted as the "Apostles."

Mayor Arthur Davin of Magsaysay, Davao del Sur, said he could not immediately explain his feeling when he accepted his role as Simon Peter, considered the most trusted apostle of Jesus Christ.

"It was very challenging that it made me feel different," the 38-year-old mayor said after the Mass.

Davin said his family was active in Church activities, but being an "apostle" for the first time was something he can be proud of.

Fr. Bert Lagos, the town's parish priest, invited Davin to be an "apostle" last year, but he refused, citing *delicadesa*, since the local and national elections were approaching.

Lagos said the mayor passed all the criteria set for an "apostle."

"Besides, he is very approachable," Lagos said. The "apostles" were represented by the government, youth and business sectors.

Davin said that instead of taking a break during the Holy Week, he thought of spending it with the Church.

The mayor envisions a project that would invigorate moral recovery, through working closely with the church and the people.

Unlike being an "apostle," Davin is not new to public service.

In line with the local government's program, Davin launched the so-called VUSWAC (Vision for Unity Securing a Wholesome and Active Community) after he was first elected as mayor in 1998. He wanted to bring this program to the barangay level, tapping village officials to lead government projects to address the basic needs of the people.

The mayor is also proud of the *bayanihan* system, which is still alive in the town.

Through the mayor's personal approach with the people, it is now easier to gather residents to help a neighbor move a house to another place. In other projects, the local government, with its limited resources, would only provide the needed materials since it would tap the services of the residents.

"Through this, there is no more labor cost," the mayor said.

Now that's going beyond dressing up in robes.



DAVIN

The world of the pliant bamboo

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
Iligan City

RESTING on the shelf, the rainbow-colored jars made of bamboo looked so polished and smooth that they pass for glass.

Iligan City's bamboo craftsmen, who do not have any formal training and belong to the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology's Bamboo Technology Resource Center (BTRC), produce trays without nails, office organizers, dividers, book stands and book ends, tiles, jars and novelty items with *okir* motif that dazzles the eyes.

They also create furniture and fashion accessories.

"Oh really?" President Macapagal-Arroyo said when she was told that the Maranao-inspired necklace with a miniature *kulintang* gong pendant that was presented to her was made of bamboo.

The President was visiting the Iligan booth during the Mindanao Trade Fair that was held recently in Davao City.

Species

There are 1,200 species of bamboo in the world and about 25 known species in the Philippines as listed by Jose Vera Santos in the "Guide to

Philippine Flora and Fauna," published by the University of the Philippines.

In Iligan, botanists found four species locally known as *kawayan tinik*, *kawayan lunas*, *bagakay* and *buntong*, which are smaller than the bamboos of Bukidnon.

The combined yield of these species, which are abundant in Barangays Abuno, Kalilangan and Mandulog in Iligan, is estimated to reach 87,523 poles. Assuming that only 30 percent of these are utilized each year, the supply is projected to increase by 6.5 million in three years.

Poor man's timber

Filipinos can tactically construct houses from bamboo, dubbed "poor man's timber," from the posts to the floor to the roof.

Of course, bamboo furniture is renowned all over the world.

The bamboo has many other uses, ranging from small to

BANGLES, brooches, containers, vases and jars in *okir* designs that could pass for glass.



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo wears a Maranao-inspired bamboo necklace.

large musical instruments, such as the flute and the organ in Las Piñas City, to the skewer of banana cue, cooking utensils and tableware.

Because of its natural buoyancy, it is commonly used in making rafts.

Bamboo shoots are also served as food.

Yet for all its good uses, the bamboo turns deadly when fashioned into weapons, such as spears and traps or human cages during war.

Vitality

The bamboo belongs to the grass family, *Poaceae*, and its primary trait is its vitality, which was best demonstrated after the bombing of Hiroshima.

Kim Higbe and Peter Dodge, in

"A Guide Book on the Show and Sale of the Florida Caribbean Chapter of the American Bamboo Society," wrote that "a grove at Hiroshima in 1945 at ground zero survived the atomic blast and, within days, sent up new shoots."

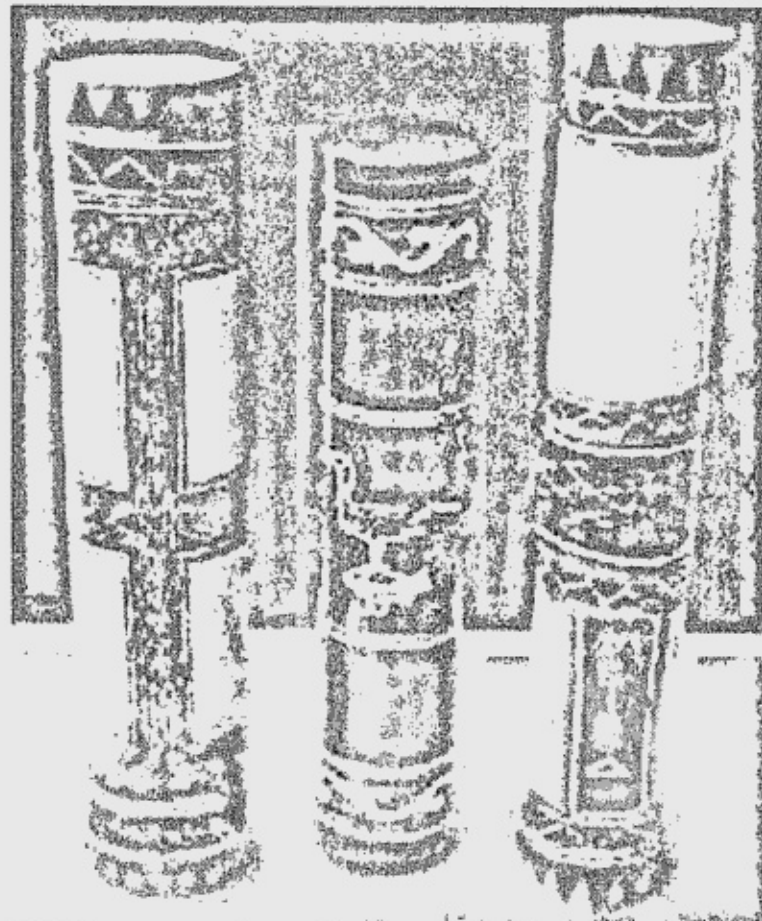
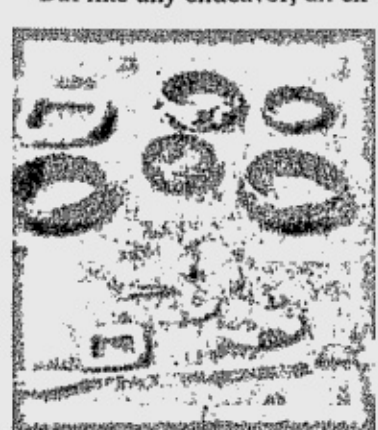
A species of bamboo has been known to grow over four feet in a day and new shoots reach a mature height in 60 days. Depending on its species, it flowers produces seed from seven to 120 years after which the parent plant dies.

The bamboo, on the other hand, is especially important to Asians who celebrate it in poetry, song and dance.

Among Filipinos, the expression "pliant as the bamboo" has become synonymous to their resilience. In a story for children, the mango tree falls during a storm but the bamboo survives because of its ability to bend with the wind.

In folklore, the Arumanen-Manobo epic, "Ulahingan," is likened to a clump of bamboos. Its roots are the *kepu'unpu'un* or the beginning of the epic and the *sengedurog* or episodes, which have many versions, are likened to the bamboo's new shoots.

'Kawayan tinik' or 'guod' But like any endeavor, an ex-



MARANAQ-INSPIRED novelty items made from bamboo.

pert eye is required to produce quality products from bamboos.

Marlon J. Mamaug, head of the BTRC, prefers the mature stem or *guod* in Cebuano of the *kawayan tinik* because of its thick walls and small cavity that "are easy to shape."

Mamaug said the center buys bamboos three times a year and only during the last quarter of the month because during full moon, "the inside of the bamboo is wetter."

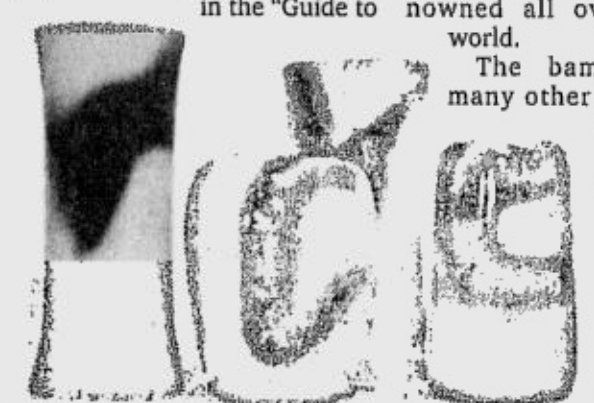
He instructs bamboo gatherers which parts of the bamboo to cut. If the poles are not mature yet, these are either kiln-dried or naturally dried for two months because, he said, "we don't use preservatives for our products."

A six-foot *guod* pole sells at P35

each. Without the middleman, it fetches a price of P12 to P15.

Despite the abundance of bamboo and a skilled workforce in Iligan, Mamaug rues that the BTRC cannot have full-scale production because of the lack of machines for sawing, cutting and drying the bamboo. In fact, this bamboo craft project was temporarily stopped in 1997 due to lack of funds.

The local government, the Department of Science and Technology and a Canadian funding agency have shown interest in developing Iligan's bamboo craft industry. But until the machines are acquired, local craftsmen have to do things piecemeal, and a bamboo craft industry may never flower as it should.



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Unemployment Rising, More Entrepreneurs Needed

Thames International Business School answers call

In January, 8 million Filipinos were either without jobs or underemployed, according to statistics from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). At the end of April, about 382,000 students graduated from the country's colleges and universities. What are then the prospects of their landing jobs and becoming productive members of society?

A recent newspaper editorial quoted the President as saying "the prospects

of this year's graduates getting jobs is not so bright." This may be true given that new graduates have lower priority in the lists of employers who prefer new hires with some experience. How do we then solve this perennial problem of unemployment?

One solution adapted by other countries is to encourage their next generation of business professionals to become job-makers, instead of becoming job-seekers, The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor

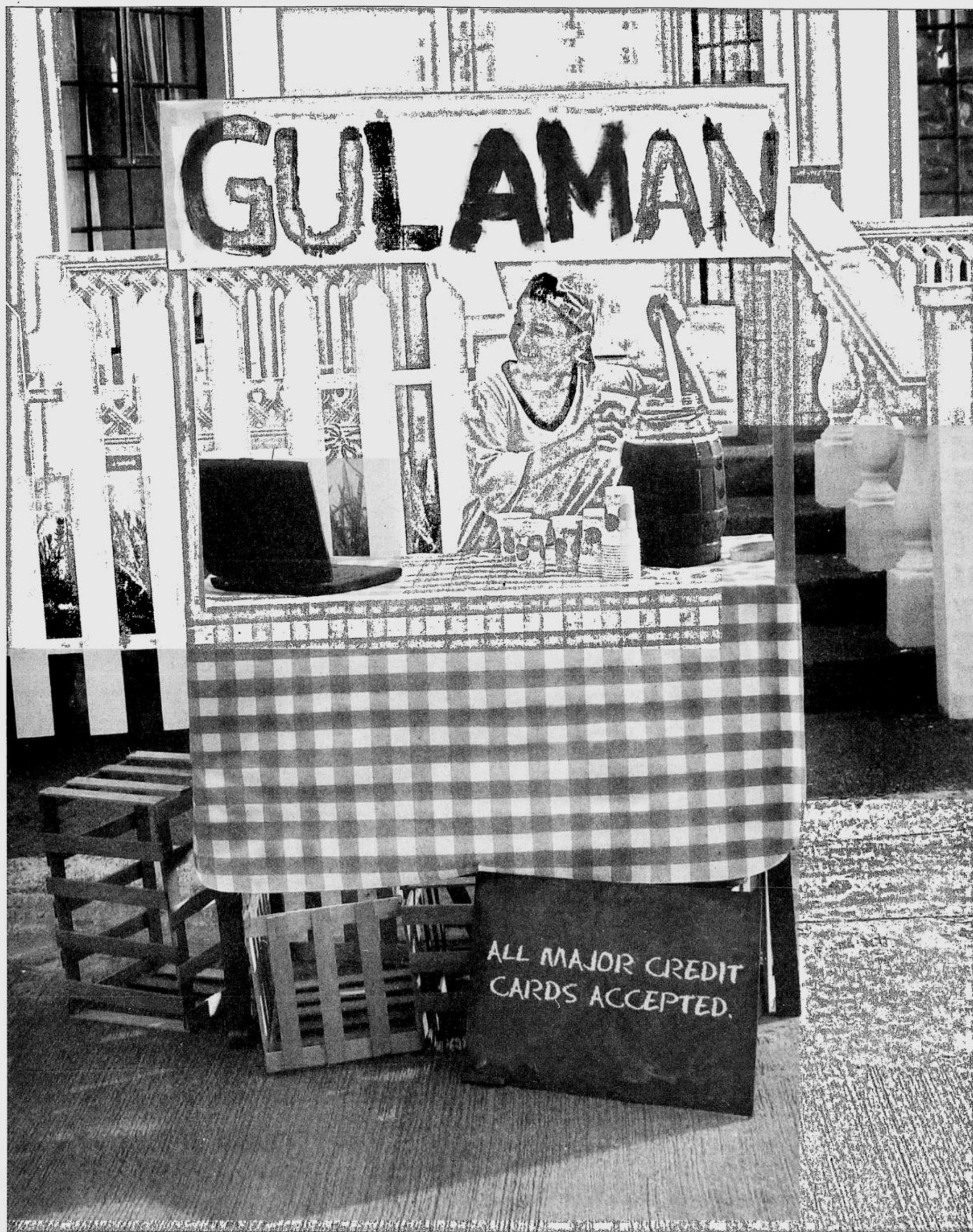
(GEM), a seminal study led by Babson College, one of the best business schools in the US, reveals that entrepreneurship is a major contributing factor to a country's economic well being, in terms of job creation. More entrepreneurs equals more jobs, which in turn alleviates the nation's unemployment problem.

It was in the hope of helping solve the unemployment problem that Thames Business School created its first Philippine college degree-the B.S. Entrepre-

neurship program. Thames' entrepreneurship course is a CHED (Commission on Higher Education) accredited four-year college degree program divided into 12 trimesters. Each trimester consists of 11 weeks of training in the form of lectures, seminars, and workshops. These activities are structured towards actively learning conceptual frameworks in business as well as solving simulated and real-life problems. What's more, the entrepreneurial course is done entirely

in the Philippines, which differentiates it from Thames' foreign-degree offerings.

The program draws its inspiration from Filipino entrepreneurial companies like Jollibee and Hapee Toothpaste, that have risen above the crowd and succeeded in situations where foreign giants reign. These companies are homage to the entrepreneurial spirit. And that entrepreneurial spirit is something that the country sorely needs right now; the main reason why Thames International Business School is starting their entrepreneurship degree program.



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New witness on Marcos loot

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The testimony of the witness threatens to expose the culture of secrecy enveloping the Swiss banking system, as well as the connections of high officials in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. The amount she mentions is bigger than the \$356 million in Marcos deposits "frozen" by Swiss authorities on March 24, 1986, and which now amounts to \$670 million.

It is estimated that the \$400 million could be almost \$1 billion by now.

KPMG Fides is suspected to have handled still hidden Marcos funds since its establishment in 1992.

Madame Z

The witness was assigned by Fides to the Credit Suisse Group account, but was supposedly dismissed unceremoniously in 1997, after she learned of the alleged transfer of the Marcos funds in 1986.

As early as two years ago, in May 2000, she referred to this transfer in her testimony before the French National Assembly concerning another controversial issue—the traffic in body parts by a Russian Mafia involving her former Liechtenstein employer, Norbert Seeger.

Fearing for her safety, she had

asked the French National Assembly not to name her in its report. She was thus identified as "Madame Z" in the report.

According to the witness' initial "proffer" to the Philippine government last March, it was in KPMG Zurich or KPMG Fides that she learned that "in 1986, there was a leak that the Swiss Federal Council would issue an order seizing the Marcos funds."

"Before the court-ordered freeze went into effect, Fides worked through the night to transfer the funds, approximately (US)\$400 million, to a 'black' Credit Suisse subsidiary, Limag AG, in Liechtenstein," the proffer said.

Limag AG is a "Liechtenstein subsidiary of Credit Suisse Group," according to the information submitted by the witness' lawyers to the Philippine government.

Comisky's letter

Portions of Comisky's letter to Romulo and Yorac read: "As part of our client's employment, our client came in contact with Isador Kohler and Peter Herzog, among others, of KPMG, and with Ulrich Siegfried and Peter Sprenger, among others, of Limag AG."

"In 1997, our client participated in several discussions with respect to the disposition of Marcos funds. The discussions were triggered by a ruling from a

Zurich court."

The ruling cited is the Swiss decision to transfer to the Philippines, in an escrow account, the frozen Marcos funds originally amounting to \$356 million, and which in 1997 had reached more than \$550 million.

According to the witness, Liechtenstein was initially "unhappy" when the \$400 million was transferred to the principality.

"Limag AG resolved the problems with Liechtenstein by appointing a prince of that principality, His Serene Highness Prince Constantine, to the board of Limag AG," Comisky's letter said.

The witness said KPMG, Credit Suisse, and even the late Prince Constantine benefited greatly from the transferred Marcos funds.

"The client has documents that (show) that Limag AG exists, even though Limag AG does not appear in the Credit Suisse financial statements," Comisky's letter said.

"KPMG Fides and Limag AG employees made admissions regarding the transfer of Marcos monies to Liechtenstein, and our client has contemporaneous memoranda prepared at the time of the admissions," it said.

Barrister/solicitor

Comisky described his firm's client as a "Canadian barrister

and solicitor and an English and Welsh Solicitor."

"We have discussed the possibility of providing certain information to the Philippines government (sic) with our client," he said in his letter:

"Our client has advised that he/she is willing to meet with representatives from the Philippines government (sic) at a location to be determined to discuss information pertaining to the March 1986 transfer of Marcos funds located in Switzerland to various institutions located in the principality of Liechtenstein."

"Specifically, our client has information regarding the transfer of approximately (US)\$400 million in Marcos money to Liechtenstein subsidiaries of a subsidiary of a very well-known Zurich, Switzerland corporation."

The witness is subject to Swiss bank secrecy laws, and is the first one to offer evidence against KPMG Fides and Credit Suisse.

An executive summary about the witness, marked "confidential" and submitted to Malacañang in March, said: "For the first time in Swiss legal history, a witness subject to bank secrecy laws has offered to give evidence against her former employer. Not even the United States govern-

ment, with all its power and advantages, has ever successfully recruited a 'Swiss bank insider' to testify against the Swiss financial system."

Comisky said in his letter to Romulo and Yorac that this was the "first step," and that it would want to reach an agreement with the Philippine government as to where the witness would be "interviewed in person and would provide information and documents."

High price

But Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP is seeking a high price for the witness' testimony, despite her having already provided part of the information to the French National Assembly in May 2000.

Aside from keeping the witness' identity a secret, it wants the Philippine government to "indemnify our client for all attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with any potential defense or litigation initiated by any country or any individual of that country as a result of (her) cooperation with the Philippine government."

The law firm listed five other general terms for the Philippine government to adhere to should it decide to meet with its client.

Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP has connections

with the newly formed US Office of Homeland Security in Washington, a Cabinet-level agency formed by US President George W. Bush.

Homeland Security, of which former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge is director, is assigned to "develop an integrated national strategy against domestic terrorism."

Two of the law firm's attorneys, Mark A. Holman and Carl M. Buchholz, were recruited to lead Homeland Security in the fight against international terrorism—Holman as chief of staff and Buchholz as special assistant to President Bush and the executive secretariat.

According to its press statement announcing these appointments, Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP has "over 400 attorneys who practice in the areas of business and corporate, family and matrimonial, financial services, government relations, health care, intellectual property, labor and employment, litigation and dispute resolution, public finance, real estate, and tax and fiduciary law."

Its offices are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Washington, D.C., and Florida. **(To be continued.)**

When moms become 'addicts to addicts'

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wife and mother. (Not a good) wife is okay, (not a good) mother was not because I was doing my very best for my two children—7 and 4 years old."

Along with Nonong Asencio and Jose Maria "Jigs" Reyes of the Family Wellness Center Foundation Inc. (FWC), the three women embarked on a life-changing journey to save their loved ones and reclaim their own lives and that of their families.

Nothing wrong with me

Tantoco believed then, "I was not responsible for my son's plight. There was nothing wrong with me. I thought I had a very great family, till I discovered that it was not."

During the eight years that he was addicted to shabu, Nena's son went into cycles of depression.

Tantoco decided to enter the FWC program after her family hit rock bottom. Her son's behavior had affected his relationships with his seven siblings and the entire family.

"As you go through the program, you discover that you are also afflicted with something, with another kind of addiction, and that addiction doesn't even have a center or a program that can heal it."

Eusebio calls it being an "addict to an addict." Or, a co-dependent.

Co-dependent

Eusebio, 53, recalled that "The addict is OK when there's shabu. But when my son wanted it (drugs), and he didn't have it, that's when the problem started. We, co-dependents are as confused as the drug addict himself."

Whenever her son was away, she would start calling all her son's friends, phoning police stations, and praying to all the saints.

"But once he arrived, my mood instantly changed. I felt happy. You cannot hear any more complaints from me, so I was also a dependent. An addict to an addict."

That's why, she said, co-dependents are "enablers because we do things for the addicts. We fix their mess, in effect, we are prolonging their addiction."

The drug dependency of her husband forced Gonzales to adapt to his way "until finally, my world was revolving around him, to the point that I forgot who I was."

Tantoco, Eusebio and Gonzales are known as co-dependents in the FWC, a three-year-old non-government organization operating a drug recovery center on 5666 Don Pedro St., Barangay Poblacion, Makati City.

FWC's recovery program for chemical (drug, alcohol) dependents uses a holistic approach and focuses on the involvement of family members in treating their patients. It was founded in 1999 by Reniel "Rechi" Cristobal, himself a drug dependent for 17 years, who is now its president



THE ENDLESS mothering of a woman, Dianne, for her child, Erinne Mia, is as bountiful and beautiful as nature is in Baguio.

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and executive director.

Symptom of deeper malaise

Through the FWC program, Tantoco discovered that her son's drug problem was merely a symptom of what was wrong with the whole family. She pointed out that there's nothing to be ashamed of or feel guilty about when one's child is into substance abuse.

Tantoco said the reason she's coming out "is to help, and to remove the shame and the guilt because there's nothing to be ashamed of. We all go through a certain kind of addiction. That's the reason and it healed me more than probably it healed them, or it healed all of us together," she said.

"This symptom was manifested by the drug addict because you can really see that he had some kind of sickness. But actually the bigger illness was the whole family."

Because of his addiction, Tantoco's son brought the family together.

Her son healed the family, Tantoco said.

"In this program, the whole family somehow gets healed. The attitude, way of looking at things somehow changed because there's a humbling effect through the 12 steps program," she recounted.

Tantoco was referring to the 12-steps program devised by the US Narcotics Anonymous, which recognizes that addicts are powerless over drugs and alcohol. The program believes that only a higher power, "a God greater

than ourselves," could restore them to sanity.

And Tantoco believes it: "It has something to do with divine power also. We suddenly discovered and become aware that there's something wrong with (us) and (we) can't help it. It is through other families or the core group that (we) meet here in FWC that (we) get healed."

"The program makes you love yourself, makes you love others and makes you love God so much," admitted Tantoco, a self-confessed perfectionist. "I was a very religious person and at the time... but I felt empty. The Lord really unloaded me little by little to tell me who I am. God, through this program, taught me to live with my imperfections and be comfortable with it."

Heart of steel

For Nonong Asencio being insensitive to his 24-year-old son's feelings had nearly destroyed the latter, and the rest of the family.

He said he had been the typical Filipino father whose word and decisions were beyond question. "I decided what was right and wrong. I set up a barometer for everything (that affected the family)," said the 53-year-old father.

They thought that I had a "heart of steel," said Asencio. "But it was all for show. I created a macho image for them to fear me."

"As a father, my No. 1 role is to discipline. I told my children that if they don't like my rules, they

can get out of my house. But because of so much suppressed feelings, he doesn't mind even if I physically harm him. I even shot him using my gun. He just ran away."

Leveling

There is a "leveling" part of the group sessions which is the hardest, according to Eusebio. She described leveling as leaving behind one's position of authority like a parent or spouse.

"You treat your son as an equal. This will allow your son to talk freely without fear of reprisal," Eusebio said.

Jigs Reyes, the center's program director, explained that roles we are expected to play divide healthy relationships. "In a sense, leveling allows people to take responsibility for themselves, so people have an opportunity to be themselves."

Leveling is like a "spiritual magic because everybody becomes equal just for that time," he said.

Asencio discovered his faults as a father through leveling.

"You can't hide anything here. Throw all your garbage. And all that will change." The father who, except for his first Holy Communion, never attended any of his son's school activities has "learned to say I love you to my son," Asencio said.

Asencio said that through the program, he learned to deal with feelings. "I'm not an emotional person. It's hard for me to express my feelings. But you reached a point when it's hard to keep con-

trolling everyone."

Multi-family therapy

Jigs Reyes explained that besides the support group and the fellowships, the program revolves on multi-family therapy, which involves educational lectures, film showings and group discussions.

Reyes said the program "focuses away from the chemical dependency" and more on the concerns of the family. He said one of the objectives of the program is to integrate the addict's recovery with that of their co-dependents.

Reyes said people don't really understand each other. "So co-dependents find other people with the same problem, and they share and listen to each other's

concerns, and probably find their own answers to some of their own problems."

"The program changed me a lot, especially when they ask you about your feelings during therapy sessions. The 'feelings' aspect really got me because I didn't care about feelings. I never thought that I was one of the factors that led to my son's drug addiction," a grateful Asencio said.

Journey to recovery

"I like this program because they (facilitators) don't punish the drug addict. They give him more love. They also encourage the family not to be ashamed of a disease. The only way that this disease can be healed is curing it like any kind of disease," Tantoco added.

"Through the program, I discovered that I'm not alone in my journey to recovery," Eusebio said.

Tantoco points out that there are so many misconceptions about drug addiction. "When you go into this program all of that is gone because it's very healing, very uniting. When you go into the program, meetings, you are humbled but you feel good."

Gonzales emphasized that the program totally changed her views on marriage. "I never knew what love was before this. And now I know that I really love my husband."

She discovered that there is no guarantee that she is totally healed of her dependency on her husband. "You have to work on it everyday. That's why the program is so effective because it involves the family. You really learn to look at things in a positive light. You let go of the past."

Jigs Reyes stressed that the program helps co-dependents confront the issues. "We do not fix them. We bring them out into the open so that we start taking responsibility for our decisions, and do something about them. When we start taking ownership, we start reclaiming lives."

And only then can real healing of a family ravaged by the evils of narcotics abuse can really take place, added Eusebio.

'Priests are harmless but not armless'

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saw an attractive member of the opposite sex.

A "group discussion" among priests would be helpful, he told the INQUIRER.

"We should discuss every part of the human anatomy. Every part of it. We should start with a dynamic on how to deal with it," said Reyes, a national vocation director for 11 years and head of the church Directors and Directress in the Philippines.

He is also known as the "running priest" for his propensity to

run for causes close to his heart.

According to him, priests cannot avoid temptations forever, but should deal with it directly.

He said gone were the days when priests were advised not to look into a woman's face, while talking to her, to avoid temptation.

He said the sexually active priests here and the revelations of sex scandals in the United States should force priests to take a hard look at their sexuality.

"Whatever he does, he carries his body with him," he said of the centuries-old priestly struggle with the vow of chastity.

NEA team faces robbery raps for coop 'raid'

A TEAM sent by the National Electrification Administration to take over the electric cooperative that supplies power to Boracay is facing charges of robbery in band in connection with the seizure of computers, files and other office equipment from the coop's main office on April 22.

Officials of the Aklan Electric Cooperative filed the complaint against the NEA team, which allegedly forcibly broke into the Akelco offices, threatened security guards and employees, and seized P600,000 worth of office equipment.

The complaint was filed by Porferio Taplac, secretary of the board of directors of Akelco, who said the team seized the coop's computers, printers,

air conditioners, books, files and other office equipment without showing any court order.

He said the NEA team sent by NEA Administrator Francisco Silva and led by Arnel C. Aben, Marcelino Cacpac and Alejandro Nonoy Arcenio, forced its way into the main office of Akelco at 8:20 a.m.

Akelco supplies power to several towns in Aklan, including Malay, the municipality where the world-famous resort island of Boracay belongs. The recent blackout in Boracay, which occurred when the Napocor cut off the power supply to Akelco for failure to pay its arrears, highlighted the controversy surrounding the cooperative.

The Akelco official said that the co-

operative had been the target of takeover by NEA and that Father Silva had previously asked its general manager, Leovigildo Matlong, to resign.

When he refused, saying there were no specific charges or evidence, the NEA sent the team, accompanied by three policemen, to take over the cooperative. The policemen were identified as SPO1 Stephen Tabuena, PO3 Benny Jones Mendoza, and PO1 Joel Melgar.

Taplac said he, too, was threatened when he arrived at the coop offices.

"It is a sad day for our country and Aklan when our own government officials openly display lawlessness and arrogant force," Matlong said. "I thought martial law went away with Marcos."

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"I dare summon the whole Church bravely to cross this new threshold, to put into the deep of the Net, so that now as in the past the great engagement of the Gospel and the culture may show to the world 'the glory of God on the face of Christ.' (2 Cor 4:6)"

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The Holy Father has always asked the media to make room for Christ! He dreams of a media that will enable the proclamation of Christ to reach people, mold communities and have a deep and incisive influence in bringing Gospel values to bear in society and culture. Mass media plays a very important role as it molds the very consciousness and values of society. It is therefore very urgent that that Church and media work hand in hand so that our society may reflect a civilization of life, love and truth.

May 12, 2002 is World Communications Day. The Church once again expresses her esteem for and recognition of the role of Social Communications in today's world. Yet the Church also reminds mass media of its responsibility and accountability to the people and even to God as it exercises its profession. Proclamation devoid of truth and charity can never be authentic and liberating. Only truth can set us free!

I join our concerned citizens as you implore God that media be a source of authentic human values that promote faith in God and love for neighbor and creation. This is what the world needs now. This is what our young people need today. Let us pray that our world may turn to Christ and be instruments of His truth, goodness and peace!

May Jesus, our guiding star, guide us along the path of truth!

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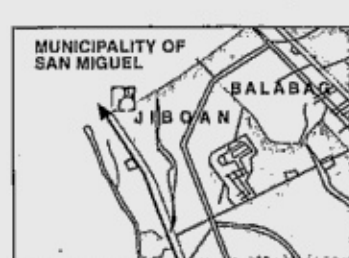
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SAMSUNG CUP FINALS

Hotdogs, Aces start best-of-7 series

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
3:45 p.m.—San Miguel vs Coca-Cola (3rd)
5:45 p.m.—Purefoods vs Alaska (Game 1, Finals)

By June Navarro

PUREFOODS and Alaska are both claiming the underdog tag as they clash today at the start of the PBA Samsung Governors Cup Finals at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Hotdogs clinched a championship spot after beating the Coca-Cola Tigers, 78-75, in Game 5 of their semifinal series while the Aces completed their mastery of the San Miguel Beermen, 65-62, in a playoff collision that also went the distance.

Purefoods interim coach Ryan Gregorio insisted that the victory over the Beermen was a measure of the heart, the only glaring advantage he foresees against the Aces in the Finals.

And that's besides the fact that Gregorio, 30, is set to pit his coaching skills against a seasoned coach who has had 10 championship rings. Veteran coach Tim Cone and his Aces are in the Finals for the 19th time overall since Alaska became a member of the league in 1986.

Cone, however, has a more concrete analysis of what the Aces are up against beginning at today's 5:45 p.m. championship thriller.

"Derrick Brown is an awesome offensive force. If we want to win,

we should tire this guy out," said Cone, whose Aces got bamboozled by the Hotdogs, 79-74, during their lone match in the elimination round.

Known as the Hotdogs' fourth-quarter man, Brown has been averaging at least 25 points per game, a third of which, if not half of it, comes in the last 10 minutes of play.

"If we keep the game close and stop Brown in the fourth quarter, there's a big chance that we could beat Purefoods. Otherwise, our

chances will only be 50-50," said Cone.

James Head, Don Allado, Bryan Gahol and probably Ron Riley will be held responsible in shutting down Brown, a cinch to win the best import plum for his exploits this conference.

Should these guys fail to contain Brown, the Hotdogs, in the Finals for the 15th time, are heavily favored to win their sixth PBA title overall since entering the league in 1988.

The Hotdogs came close to bagging a championship crown but the Beermen stood in their path during the 2000 Governors Cup.

The last time the Hotdogs tasted a title was in the 1997 All-Filipino Cup when they defeated Gordon's Gin in six games.

In contrast, the Aces won their last crown in the 2000 All-Filipino Cup and it was only last year that they didn't figure in a championship battle in any of the three conferences since 1994.

LBC in semis; Osaka prevails

GAME TODAY (Lipa Cultural Center)
3 p.m.—Olongapo vs Batangas

LIPA CITY—LBC Batangas again found Pampanga hard to crack before prevailing, 85-80, Friday night and snaring a semifinal slot in the MBA First Conference at the Lipa Youth and Cultural center here.

Coach Nash Racela had the luxury of shuffling his players at will as the Blades improved on their 78-77 squeaker over the Stars on April 23 and raised their win-loss record to 6-3 in the Northern Conference. Newcomer Olongapo is the other qualifier at 6-3.

The Blades and the Volunteers of Coach Junel Baculi will dispute the top spot in today's lone game at 3 p.m. also at the Lipa Youth and Cultural Center. Whoever wins will have the homecourt advantage in their knockout semifinal on May 19.

Osaka Pangasinan downed Professional Davao, 100-87, yesterday to close out its campaign in the North Conference with a 5-5 slate. Randy Alcantara shone for the Waves and was chosen the game's best player after scoring 14 points, snaring four rebounds, issuing two assists and stealing twice.

The Eagles led to 6-4, stalling their entry to the semifinals.

Roy Luerca

Scores:

BATANGAS 85—Laure 16, Compton 15, Rivera 14, Ramirez 8, Cuevas 7, Espinosa 7, Sanders 6, Corbin 6, De Castro 6, Mapalad 0.

PAMPANGA 80—Santos 16, Bansil 13, Mejia 13, Payne 7, Cocjin 6, Guinto 6, Ignacio 5, Garcia 5, Liango 4, Dela Rosa 4, Gascon 2.

Quarters: 21-24, 48-43, 65-63, 85-80.

JR tops boys Class E anew

JR Gonzales kept his winning ways by ruling boys Class E for the fifth straight time and again with plenty to spare in the sixth leg of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines summer circuit at the Mt. Malarayat Golf and Country Club in Lipa, Batangas.

Gonzales, who had missed only one leg but still won that week in Baguio topped his division by a whopping 23 strokes as his toughest rivals decided to skip the tourney supported by Taylor Made Adidas.

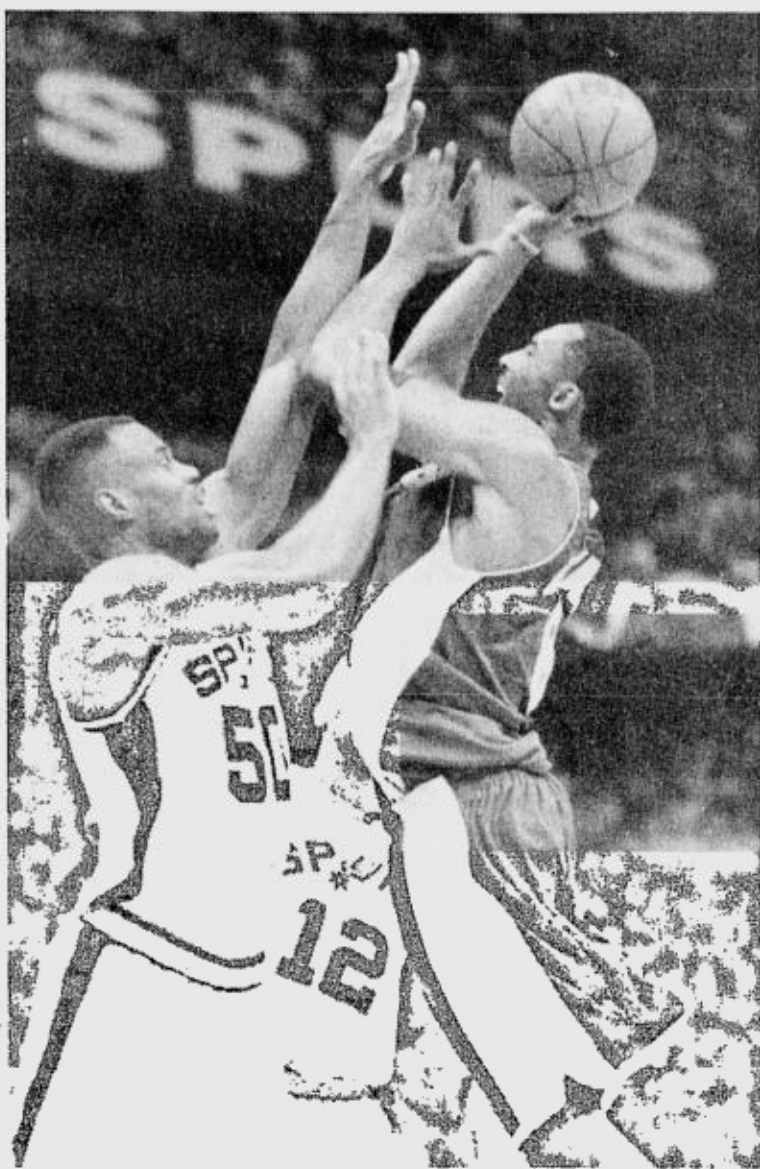
Koreans dominated Class A with Lee Seong Ki winning by five strokes while Carl Santos Ocampo prevailed by three strokes over Rhiz de Roca in boys Class B.

The other winner were Christein Briones in girls Class A, Erlain Lumanog in girls Class B, Mikee Camitoc in boys Class C, Kat Brionex in girls Class C and Christina Potenciano in girls Class E.

The seventh leg will be held at Wack Wack starting Wednesday, May 15.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1997, the Philippines notched 1,557 points to snatch the team title of the 1st QBE Tahiti International Junior Golf Classic in Tahiti.



NBA SERIES

Kobe Bryant (right) of the Los Angeles Lakers shoots over San Antonio's David Robinson during Game 3 of their NBA Western Conference semifinal series at the Alamodome on Friday night. The Lakers won, 99-89, to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. In Boston, the Celtics edged the Detroit Pistons, 66-64, to also grab a 2-1 margin in their Eastern Conference semifinal.

AP

Bukidnon netter cops crown

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—Unranked Arra Micayabas of Bukidnon captured her fourth girls' 18-under title when she upset top seed Alyssa Labay of Bacolod yesterday in the first Coca-Cola National Tennis Championships at the New Subic Bay International Tennis Center here.

The 15-year-old Micayabas, who won four titles since she joined the 18-under class this year, took advantage of Labay's weak backhand to prevail, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

"I played well in the first set but Labay played better to win the second. I tried to be steady in the baseline and went to the net occasionally in the third set," said Micayabas, an incoming high school at the Philippine Computer College. She won three tournaments in Davao last month.

Micayabas and Melody Barraquias of Dumaguete took the 16-under doubles title over Jessica Agra and Ana Buenavieja, 6-3, 6-4.

Mindanao bets Francis Casey

Alcantara and Ernesto Pantua III were also crowned champions in this Group 1 event presented by Coca-Cola Bottlers Inc. and supported by Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Chair Felicitio Payumo, PLDT, Union Bank, Union Cement, Chris Sports, Dunlop, Wilson, Prince and Adidas.

The seventh-ranked Alcantara of Cagayan de Oro captured his second straight title when he stunned No. 1 Gerard Michael Ngo, 4-6, 6-0, 6-0, in the 12-under division.

Batangas Entry heads Prieto Cup field

BATANGAS Entry heads the field competing in today's 1867 Founders' Cup race at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

The horse who gamely finished second to Wind Blown in two major championships last year, Batangas Entry is coming back since his third-place effort in the PCSO First Gentleman's Silver Cup last February.

Paolo Mendoza's galloper is expected

to face stiff challenge from two recent stakes winners, Staunch Ally and Family Task, in the 1,900-meter contest.

Also joining the hunt for the P360,000 first prize are Ilocandia Slew, Bull Rider, Sky Hawk, High Roller, Kiwi Rose, Hyperbid, Super Sharp and Might and Power.

The 25th running of the 1867 Founders' Cup is also known as the

Prieto Cup in tribute to the members of the Prieto family, original founders of the Manila Jockey Club and prime movers of the annual racing event honoring the founding members of the first racing club in the Far East.

Former MJCI President and renowned sportsman Leopoldo Prieto and members of the Prieto clan are expected to grace the affair.

Zambo Flowers share cage lead

NAGA CITY—The Zamboanga Flowers scored back-to-back victories in the 1st Women's National Basketball League (WNBL), including a 62-57 thumping of the Cebu Queens to tie their victim for the lead.

The Flowers, who are supported by Burlington Socks, came through with that five-point win on May 9 before routing the Pangasinan Summers, 67-58, the following day for a 3-1 record in a tie with the Onward Media Blitz-sponsored Queens at the top.

Many time national team most valuable player Emelia Vega hit a game-high 22 markers in the Flowers' victory over the Queens, then returned for 19 points against the Summers-Simco Traders of Tony Yap.

Cebu, which is owned by Philip Lee, notched its third victory via a thrilling 40-39 decision over the Laguna Charmers-Jumbo Plastics.

The Charmers had earlier thumped the host Bicol Beauties-Bestank, 52-46, while the Summers nipped winless Davao Pearls-Healthy Options, 47-43, before dropping a 58-67 verdict to the Flowers.

Pangasinan, Bicol and Laguna Charmers all tote even 2-2 slates.

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'PRCI must address problem'

THE ISSUE regarding the present batch of Santa Ana Park race callers and commentators remains every *kareristas'* favorite topic.

After a two-week lull, this deadline beater had to sort out piles of letters and e-mails most of which, you guessed it right, are about those "comedians" at the Makati race track.

Here's one interesting piece:

Dear Edwin,

I'm an avid reader of INQUIRER because it presents a clear picture of reality. Also, the comments on certain issues are really straightforward.

In your column, One Winner, I read several complaints of my "classmates" for the sudden turn of events

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva



at PRCI. The Winner's Circle Production Inc. was suddenly replaced by an unknown entity. To my surprise, the PRCI race callers were the ones hosting and covering the races.

I tried to understand that it's a management decision and there's a need to give the new hosts a chance to prove themselves. However, these race callers turned TV commentators didn't show any sign of improvement in their new job. They simply make

their hosting like calling the races. They're monotonous in terms of their expression and lack depth. Their English grammar is awful like what others said in their previous letter to you. Of course, Jenny Alcaid is exempted from this.

Many negative things were already said against them. I believe that the PRCI management must address this problem immediately. The lineup of races at PRCI is still great and exciting. Whether the hosting is good or bad, the racing fans will still go or watch the races. However, there is a need to improve the coverage of the races most especially the hosts.

Horseracing is exciting but it will not be sustained if these hosts continue to exist. Dump them and just confine them to the announcer's booth.

Thank you for giving the *kareristas*

the chance to air their side. Your column is great. Keep us always informed on the recent and important developments in the horseracing industry.

GILBERT S. ARRIETA
Tekla St., San Antonio Village,
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Racing fans, like Bernie Cabico, can go to www.santa-ana-park.com and www.manilajockeyclubinc.com.ph for the latest happenings on the country's two racing venues.

Incidentally, *kareristas* may also try the www.geocities.com/karertips website for more horseracing news.

FU volleybelles, Adamson sparkle

By Dennis Eroa

BORACAY—Visayan powerhouse Foundation University of Dumaguete and Metro Manila topnotcher Adamson posted contrasting wins yesterday to enter the women's semifinals of the 6th Nestea Beach Volley University Championship at the Hey Jude beachfront here.

Rolyn Marquicias and Cherie Mae Boladola outsmarted Mapua's Louvella Abanilla and Janilyn Sarabia, 21-14, 21-7, before a huge crowd which braved the searing heat in this popular summer destination.

Power-playing Kristine Anne Dave and Ailane Quina struggled before downing the determined Southwestern University tandem of Janeth Ponte and Florina Gutierrez, 21-19, 21-20, in the day's most thrilling match.

Ponte and Gutierrez seemed ready to force a decider in the best-of-three clash as Southwestern University took a 19-17 lead, but Dave Anquina maintained their poise.

A crosscourt shot by Dave which sent the Cebuanos sprawling to the sandcourt triggered a closing 4-1 Adamson burst.

Letran and St. Jude College also earned semis slots in the women division. Sherilyn Carillo and Cathlea Yillaluz powered Letran to a 21-18, 21-9 triumph over the Baguio Colleges Foundation duo of Ma. Kristina Enola and Johanna Joanino.

St. Jude's Angie Adorable and Kriza Cabanog subdued La Salle-Dasmariñas represented by Raissa and Rhona Ramirez, 21-15, 21-14.

In the men's division, Christian Pascual and Robert Crisencio of Patts edged Central Colleges of the Philippines, 21-10, 21-19, while Cebu's University of San Jose Recoletos made a rousing debut after whipping Pampanga Agricultural College, 21-15, 21-12.

Defending men's champion Foundation University of Dumaguete beat La Salle Dasmariñas, 21-11, 21-14.

In the celebrity match, Isabel Granada, Paolo Bediones and Hana Montenegro dominated the group of Miriam Quiambao, Paolo Trillo and Chin Chin Gutierrez, 21-11, 21-14.

Maruyama takes Nelson Classic top spot

IRVING, Texas—Shigeki Maruyama demonstrated the growing Asian presence on PGA Tour leaderboards, making four straight birdies Friday on his way to a 7-under 63 and a two-stroke lead in the Byron Nelson Classic.

Maruyama, who won the Greater Milwaukee Open last year to become the first Japanese player to win a tour event on the mainland, pulled away from the pack with birdies on two of his last three holes and finished at 10-under 130. AP

Burton ahead by 1 stroke

FRANKLIN, Tennessee—Brandie Burton, working her way back from her third shoulder surgery, shot a 3-under 69 Friday to take a one-stroke lead over Annika Sorenstam in the suspended second round of the Aerus Electrolux USA Championship. AP



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Deadline for submission of entries is May 20 for provincial participants and May 25 for those in Metro Manila.

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Kitefest final leg

THE BEAR Brand Kitefest 2002—the biggest and most prestigious kite-flying competition in the country—comes to a fitting end today, Mother's Day, with the staging of the 10th and final leg at the Rizal Park, Manila.

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"The kite festival is basically a family affair. People go the festival to join and fly their own kites or simply watch the show," said Nestle Phils. Inc. senior vice president Gilbert M. Joven.

'Fistorama'

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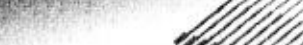
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'Doctor Magic' holds fun clinic

By Jerome Aning

ABOUT 500 orphaned and abandoned children went home all smiles after being treated to a magic show by a Japanese doctor-turned-magician early this month.

The children, who came from various Metro Manila orphanages and charitable institutions as well as urban poor communities, filled the Pope Plus Catholic Center in Ermita for the two-hour show.

The magician who entertained them was Dr. Miyoshi Ito, 50, or "Doctor Magic" as he

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'Ecstasy catch not yet linked to stars'

By Jerome Aning

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation has nothing concrete yet on the show business personalities reported to have been peddling and using the designer drug Ecstasy.

"We have not come up with anything concrete at this time because we're still in the process of validating raw information," NBI narcotics division chief Ruel Lasala said yesterday.

But Lasala said that once the NBI has validated the information, the agency "will start making arrests."

He declined to name the show biz personalities, although he said buyers of Ecstasy are "mostly children of rich people."

A tablet of the designer drug is said to be worth P1,200 to P1,400.

On April 19, the NBI bagged what could be the biggest single haul of Ecstasy pills with the arrest of Jia Li Ye, 24, a native of China, during a buy-bust at SM Manila.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said Jia was afraid to reveal the identities of his suppliers and customers because members of the drug ring that employed him might kill his family in Xiamen, China.

ECSTASY/A26



PAINT JOB is given to a new house by actress Chat Silayan and fashion designer Rene Salud.

DENNIS SABANGAN

Celebrities build homes in Payatas

By Agnes E. Donato and Angeli A. Alaganc

MARY Grace Miranda lives in a 6-square-meter shack with her husband and their two children. Miranda's sister-in-law, Marinella Andrade, occupies a neighboring shack made of old roofing sheets.

"When the roof leaks on rainy days, we just stick gum in the holes," Andrade said.

The Mirandas and Andrade will continue to live in Payatas Trese (13) in Quezon City, but they and others as poor as them just might move into small but new and decent homes in the community soon.

The Payatas Trese residents got lucky when movie stars and other celebrities helped the religious group Couples for Christ build homes in their community yesterday.

Actors Chat Silayan, Ronnie Ricketts, Ricky

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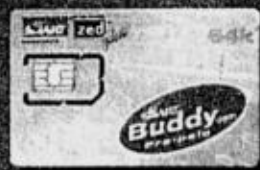
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Batangas firm against depot

BATANGAS CITY — The Batangas provincial government has declared its firm stand against the planned relocation here of the controversial fuel terminal of the three major oil companies.

The provincial government's stand was made amid the impending relocation of the fuel depot in Pandacan, Manila and the plan of the oil firms to transfer it to Batangas, Cavite or Laguna.

"Batangas is not willing to allow the tankers to come here if ever we are chosen to be the relocation site of the Pandacan fuel depot," said Batangas Gov. Hermilando Mandanas. "We can't risk the environmental hazard from those highly combustible chemicals, and the traffic it could bring would surely congest our roads."

The Pandacan fuel terminal, which was established in 1923, is a 25-hectare facility equipped with state-of-the-art equipment for fighting fire and controlling oil spills.

The province's environment and natural resources officer, Evelyn Estigoy, said initial talks with Shell have started, but the

province's stand against the depot remains.

"It will be environmentally hazardous for the province," Estigoy said. "If the depot were transferred here, all the underground pipelines used to transfer oil from Pandacan to Central Luzon would be cut off."

That means fuel would have to be transported by trucks and traffic will get worse, according to her. "And the probability of accidents in the terminal or on the road will put the people and the environment in great danger."

A total of 65 percent of the country's fuel requirement comes from Batangas, the site of the refineries and depots of several oil companies such as Caltex, Shell, and Petron.

Fuel processed or manufactured in the Shell refinery in Batangas City and the Caltex refinery in nearby San Pascual town, or fuel stored in the Petron depot in Mabini town is transported through a 110-kilometer underground pipeline to the Pandacan depot. **Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau**

Controversial school official transferred

THE CONTROVERSIAL Cavite schools superintendent, who is the subject of two sets of administrative and criminal complaints lodged in the Office of the Ombudsman, has been transferred to Puerto Princesa City, according to the Office of the Cavite Governor.

In a letter dated May 2, 2002, the Department of Education informed Dr. Paraluman R. Giron, DepEd's officer-in-charge for Region IV (Southern Tagalog), of the reassignment of Dr. Leonora B. Ignacio "from the Division of Cavite to the Division of Puerto Princesa City."

The letter was signed by Education Undersecretary Ramon C. Bacani in behalf of Secretary Raul Roco.

The reassignment order also included moving Dr. Aurora Gervacio to Cavite from Lucena City.

Giron advised Ignacio of the latter's new assignment in a letter dated May 6, 2002.

Ignacio, a Grade 2 teacher in Dasmariñas, Cavite, is facing charges separately filed by the Fact-

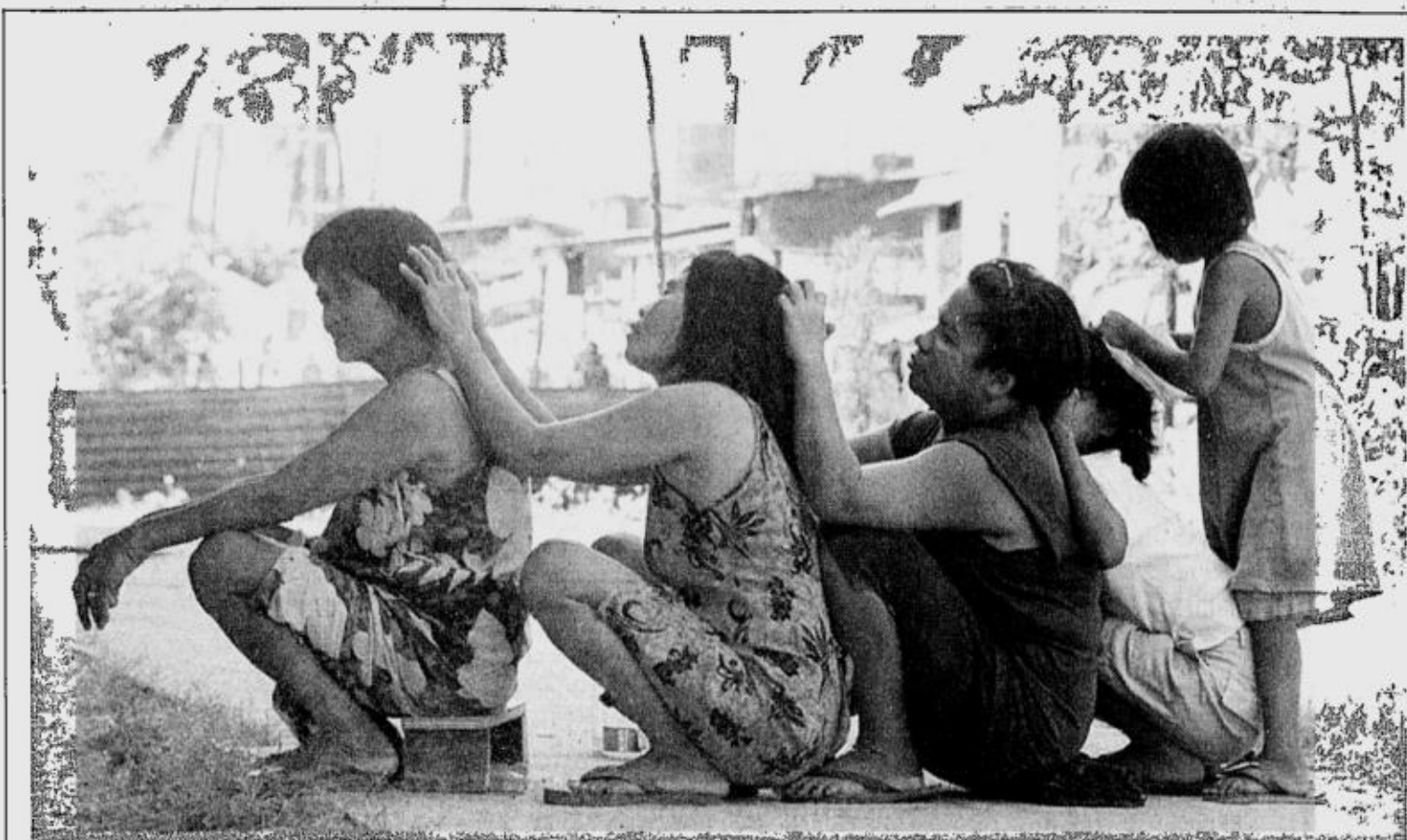
Finding and Intelligence Bureau of the Ombudsman. She is reportedly on a two-week leave.

Reports reaching the office of Cavite Gov. Ayong S. Maliksi said that in the past few days, Ignacio's supporters have been lobbying in Malacañang for her continued stay in Cavite.

Grade 2 teacher Gloria Jaymalin said she would continue to press her charges against Ignacio whom she said "had made her life as a teacher a living hell in the past 20 years."

Still up for resolution in the Ombudsman are Jaymalin's complaints of harassment and malicious persecution and of misconduct against Ignacio.

Ignacio also faces charges from the Fact-Finding and Intelligence Bureau of the Ombudsman. The bureau reported to Ombudsman Aniano Desierto that "documents gathered during the investigation showed that indeed she accumulated wealth beyond her means as district superintendent."



HEAD LINE

Women and children keep their hands busy while waiting for their laundry to dry on P. Medina Street in Makati City.

DENNIS SABANGAN

Celebrities build . . .

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Davao and Mandy Ochoa and beauty queen Jewel Lobaton hammered nails and painted walls, with help from Universal Records artists and fashion designer Rene Salud and his models. La Salle Green Archers and Ateneo Blue Eagles set aside their basketball rivalry and built one house together.

The celebrities built four houses for Gawad Kalinga, a CFC-initiated project that aims to provide the poor with shelter and livelihood, among other things.

Each house costs P30,000. The beneficiary can pay for it by helping build other houses for their neighbors. Measuring about 20 square meters, each house is probably as big as a celebrity's bedroom, but it may well be a mansion to urban poor residents like the Mirandas and Andrade.

"We hope that by participating in activities like this, we can inspire others to share with the needy," said a sweaty Davao, adding he did not mind the hard work, the oppressive heat and that he had hammered his own finger.

"We would always complain about things at home," the award-winning actor said. "But after seeing the depressing situation of the people here, I realized that my family's very lucky."

CFC social ministries director Tony Meloto said Gawad Kalinga has built more than 1,000 houses nationwide.

In Payatas Trese alone, 18 families have been given new houses since the area was identified as a Gawad Kalinga site last March.

Meloto said CFC chose Payatas Trese, a wide, hilly and densely populated area northeast of Quezon City, because it was home to "the poorest of the poor."

"We selected Payatas for the Celebrity Build because we want people to realize that poverty can be licked if all of us-rich and poor, celebrities and unknowns, government and private sectors-unite for the cause of building this nation," Meloto said.

"Instead of pitting the rich against the poor, we should bridge the gap between them. And our way of doing this is by getting the rich out of their comfort zones and asking them to share their talent and resources with the less fortunate."

He cited the case of Sammy and Marissa Gundran, beneficiaries of one of the first houses to be built in Payatas Trese. He said the couple used to live in a shanty because they could not afford a decent home. Sammy earns very little as a barber.

Their shanty was made of scrap plywood and rusty roofing sheets and did not have a toilet, except for a hole in the ground.

"People tend to lose hope and stop respecting themselves in a situation like that," Meloto noted. "The first thing you can do to save them is to restore their dignity. Everything else will follow."

When the Gundrans finally moved into their own decent home, Sammy quit drinking and learned to be a responsible husband and father, according to Meloto. Their eldest child will be going to kindergarten in June while their second child will be under Gawad Kalinga's pre-school program.

"By giving people better homes and a cleaner environment, we not only empower them and give them hope," said Meloto. "We also address problems involving health and criminality."

He said CFC plans to build another 1,000 houses nationwide on June 1 and 2. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo reportedly gave the group P30 million from her presidential social fund for the construction of 1,000 houses.

METROBRIEFS

Killed in Taguig gang war

A STREET rumble claimed the life of Jojit Honrales of Aginaldo Compound, Taguig, Friday night. Police and barangay officials managed to identify the men who killed Honrales and arrested them shortly after the rumble. Police said Herman Sison, 23, Elmer Sison, 18, and Elbert Sison, 22, all residents of Aginaldo Compound, shot and killed Honrales, 28, near his house in Taguig. Police said Honrales was a member of a rival gang that figured in an encounter with the suspects' group earlier that day. **Alcun Papa**

Locked room mystery

TAXI driver Renato Nuevo, 40, of Makati City, was found lying in a pool of his own blood in his room Friday morning. Nuevo was already dead from an icepick wound in the neck when his sister Pacita Ablao opened the door to his locked room at about 9:45 a.m., said SPO4 Leonardo Timtiman, head of the Makati Police homicide section. PO1 Reuel Rodrique said there was no sign of forcible entry and none of the victim's things appeared to have been stolen. Police suspected a relative of Nuevo might have killed him. **Alcun Papa**

Raped in mom's bedroom

JEFFREY Artates was accused of raping the 13-year-old daughter of his friend in Quezon City. The girl's mother on Thursday filed rape charges against Artates, of Queensland Subdivision in Quezon City. In an affidavit she submitted to the city prosecutor's office, the mother said Artates raped her daughter on March 22 and again on May 4. Artates, a friend of the girl's mother, allegedly raped the girl inside her parents' bedroom in both instances. She told police that Artates would hold a knife to her throat whenever he abused her. She said she tried to beg Artates not to attack her, but he only threatened to kill her. Medico-legal examiners found lacerations in her genitals. **Agnes E. Donato, Angeli A. Alagcan**

Hogtied and robbed

SIX armed men hogtied Restituto Tan and his son in his factory in Caloocan City and proceeded to loot the place, taking with them about P200,000 in cash, two cellular phones and a .45-caliber pistol. Police said the six men knocked on the gate of the D'Plastic Craft Marketing building on 11th Avenue, Grace Park, Caloocan City, at about 6 a.m. Thursday and introduced themselves as salesmen. They then overpowered Tan, 61, and his son, Dennis Co. Police said they were hot on the trail of the suspects. **Tina Santos**

'Ecstasy . . .

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Jia admitted that his supplies came "direct from China," and that his financial transactions were done electronically.

Edmundo Arugay, head of the NBI's National Capital Region office, said Jia and his group operate in many parts of the country. Most of their transactions take place in malls, he said.

Jia was caught selling Ecstasy tablets to an undercover NBI agent. The suspect charged the agent P480 for each tablet.

After the deal was closed, NBI agents trailed Jia to his residence and seized about P600,000 worth of Ecstasy tablets in various "flavors," including G-2000, Airplane 747, Yellow Tower, Peach Mango Pie, and Green Marijuana.

On April 29, Lyn Nyrre Ramos, alias "Neth," 23, of Pasig City, and Michael Bautista, 25, of Parañaque, were caught with 35 Ecstasy pills.

'Doctor . . .

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calls himself. He has been visiting the country for the past four years to perform for street children.

"I want to make less fortunate children happy," said the Fukuoka City native who is an internal medicine specialist. "Children should be happy."

Indeed, the children looked happy, as well as awestruck and amused, as the doctor performed about a dozen new, difficult and little-known magic tricks.

Members of the Philippine-based Inner Magic Club, headed by Rael Ello and Cris Castro, also performed for the children.

Ito said he also trains magicians. As an amateur magician in 1993, he won first prize in the PCAM Magic World Cup.

The free shows for the Manila children were conceptualized by the Leyte-Japan Friendship Association, where Ito is a medical volunteer director.

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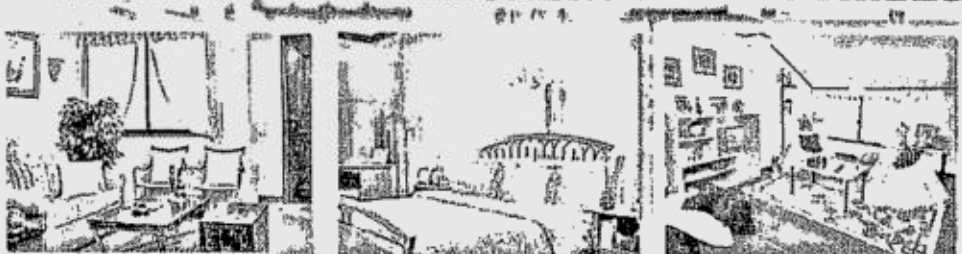
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Tax cut means more earnings for producers

STARS and politicians are trying to do their share in helping the movie industry by reducing the amusement tax on local films.

Last month, Lipa City Mayor **Vilma Santos** announced the decision of the Lipa council to cut the amusement tax of 30 percent by half, making Lipa the first provincial city to heed the call of the film industry.

"This move will mean reducing the money that would otherwise go to the city coffers," Vilma told the city council. "But it would be returned by the movie industry in the form of more movies which will mean more jobs. And contributing to the nation's economy would also contribute to Lipa's economy."

Early last week, the city council of Manila also unanimously approved on third and final reading the ordinance reducing by half the city's 30 percent amusement tax on local films.

The ordinance was filed by Councilors **Miles Roces** of the 3rd district and **Kim Atienza** of the 5th district. Manila Mayor **Lito Atienza** himself has been supporting the local film industry. He even revived the Manila Film Festival in June in time for the celebration of "Araw ng Maynila."

As part of the package of incentives for the producers of the six official entries to the film festival, the city government has decided to waive the amusement tax on the six films. For the producers, that means an additional P10 million to P15 million in revenues, which they will share depending on the box-office performance of their entries.

Another Revilla

ACTING is in his genes so it is not surprising that **Bryan Revilla**, son of action star **Bong Revilla Jr.** and **Lani Mercado**, will also join show biz.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

When he was only six months old, Bryan appeared in "Pepeng Kuryente," starring his grandfather, Sen. **Ramon Revilla** and produced by Imus Productions, the Revilla family's film production outfit which was recently revived.



SON ALSO RISES. Bryan Revilla joins the movies.

Bryan was also a child star in two made-for-TV dramas—"Ang Mahiwagang Espada" on "GMA Telesine" and a "GMA Love Story" episode with **Assunta de Rossi**.

Bryan's younger brother, **Jolo**, starred with their dad in the 1999 Metro Manila Film Festival entry, "Pepeng Agimat." But since Bong and Lani wanted their children to priori-

tize their studies, Jolo's acting experience had to be cut.

Bryan was recently launched as one of the mainstays of "Click" on GMA 7. He is also in his dad's latest starrer, "Kilabot at Kembot," with **Assunta**. The film is the initial offering of Seven Stars Pictures, continuing the legacy of Imus Productions after 16 years and after producing 31 films.

In 1984, Bong had his own baptism of fire in the movies when he starred with his father in "Dugong Buhay." A few years later, Bong had made a name for himself and had moved away from his father's shadow.

Brian, who is turning 16 in November, will be a sophomore at La Salle Zobel. In "Kilabot at Kembot," he plays Bong's adopted son. The film is directed by **Augusto "Ogie" Salvador**.

Discovery pullout

SUN Cable subscribers have complained about the recent pullout of Discovery Channel from the cable network. Discovery said it was the decision of the Philippine Cable Company (PCC) to stop broadcasting Discovery Channel to Sun Cable subscribers. PCC is the parent company of Sun Cable.

In a statement faxed to the INQUIRER, **Chris Wanden**, head of affiliate sales of Discovery networks Asia, said: "The decision to turn off the Discovery Channel signal was taken unilaterally by PCC and we were notified of the move only 24 hours in advance. There was no formal negotiation or discussion on the decision, as is normal procedure in the industry."

He added: "We are committed to continued dialogue with the PCC management team to try and resolve the situation and it is our wish to get Discovery Channel back on the TV screens of Sun Cable subscribers as soon as possible."

Hate-hate relationship

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre



THE FIRST team-up of **Robin Padilla** and **Pops Fernandez** in "Videoke King" is being patronized by the viewing public primarily for Robin's "boyfriend kong baduy" characterization. Viewers have a good time laughing at his gauche antics, about as far away as he can get from his action-superstar image.

We feel, though, that he went too far in making his character look and act ridiculous. Like **Regine Velasquez** in her movie with **Richard Gomez**, Robin doesn't know when to stop and keeps piling up the gaucheries until he comes off as too weird to be believable.

Some people may say that such comic grotesqueries are OK because this is just a romantic-comedy-fantasy flick, but other elements of the movie are more realistic, so Robin's cartoon characterization feels excessive.

Anyway, the movie has gauche Robin very much in love with a pretty young woman who's working at the front desk of a hotel abroad. He doesn't know it, but she's fallen for somebody else, so she arranges for her cousin (Pops) to get to befriend him, in the hope that they'll fall in love and spare her from having to tell them the truth about her Caucasian lover.

At first, love is the last thing on Robin and Pops' minds, as they quickly launch into a ferocious hate-hate relationship. Pops finds his gauche ways ridiculous and doesn't think much of him as a videoke singer, while he thinks she's too driven.

In time, however, the movie's romantic-comedy-fantasy format holds sway and prompts the combative lead characters to get to like each other. Robin helps Pops acquire the strength to finally tell her lousy boyfriend off, and Pops transforms Robin's even lousier fashion sense.

But, what about Robin's fiancée, Pops' cousin? They don't want to break her heart, so they try to keep their developing feelings and raging hormones in check. Little do they know that she has a hidden agenda of her own.

This is one of the strange things about this story; that the lives of its two leads are being manipulated by a secondary character.

The situation gets to be so irritating and frustrating that viewers may be tempted to lose their respect for Pops and Robin's characters. If they're

so wimpy and clueless to let a supporting character walk all over them, serves them right!

Another big disappointment is the way that Pops' character is conceptualized and portrayed: she plays second fiddle to Robin (and to her cousin!), and only occasionally does she get the firm focus she deserves. Much of the time, she's just reacting to the different things that people do to her.

Pops quickly exhausts her repertoire of reactions, most of them of the frustrated, irritated and baffled sort. Another distraction is the way she looks in this movie: she uses a strange color of lipstick that makes her appear to have bruised lips. If it isn't the lipstick, something else must be the problem.

On the other hand, the movie occasionally redeems itself with some deft touches, like its intricate use of split-screen images to tie up not just two, but sometimes three events or characters. More of this, plus a less reactive Pops and a less frantically zany Robin would have made "Videoke King" a really delightful viewing experience.

On the Hallmark channel

AT 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 12, "Steel Magnolia" closes the channel's Mother's Day viewing treats. The film tells the story of six women of disparate backgrounds whose extraordinary friendship and loyalty to each other support them through the cycles of life, marriage, birth and death.

Herbert David Ross' film stars **Shirley MacLaine**, **Julia Roberts**, **Daryl Hannah** and **Olympia Dukakis**—Academy Award-winners all.

On Star Movies

AT 9 p.m. today on Star Movies, "Keeping the Faith" stars **Edward Norton** (he also directed), **Ben Stiller** and **Jenna Elfman**.

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What I learn from watching 'Boston Public'

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ents' roles in raising their kids.

Fortunately, I taped episode 3, so I could give you her speech word for word. Parents, listen up:

"Let me tell you something. Let me tell all of you something. The reason I'd had it is because I have to go in a room day after damn day, and try to break through to a bunch of kids who don't want to listen, don't want to

learn, and don't want to give me the decency of being quiet. Harry Senate shot off a gun. I woulda rolled in a big canon if I knew where to get one. I woulda tried anything. And you show me a teacher who doesn't almost lose his or her mind sometimes, and I'll show you a teacher who's not trying.

"I can show you some parents who aren't. You send them to school thinking, 'Job's done. It's up to the teachers

now.' Well, it doesn't work that way. You gotta get in this, too. Kids coming every day, singing that jingle, 'Those who can't do, teach.' They get that from their parents! I know what you think of us. Well, let me tell you, we're in there doing every damn day. And a lot of the doing we do is parenting! You wanna compare failures? Step right up! Who's first?"

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Also performing are guests tenor Nolin Cabahug, violinist John Lesaca and total performer Pinky Marquez. Cabahug will sing Italian opera and Broadway pieces, while Marquez will sing pop and inspirational songs. Lesaca will play OPM works and movie themes.

Also to be performed are compositions by National Artist Lucio San Pedro, namely "Lulay" and "Pasasalamat." San Pedro will be feted with a posthumous award as many of his works are standard fare in the Chancel Choir's performances and Sunday worship services.

DzFE, Manila's classical and gospel music station, will record the concert.

The choir is directed by Prof. Leonie B. Bautista, Deaconess Thelma G. Quizon and Prof. Luz B. Trinidad. Marilyn Cortez is assisting artist. Tickets are available at the gate at popular prices.

Chad, Anna perform in Davao's The Venue

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fensive website content. The matter ends up in court in a later episode where her suspension is overturned.

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Stranger than fiction

Some people might say that the things happening in "Boston Public" don't really happen in school, that these

are not your usual teachers and these are not your everyday students. But even Kelley's seemingly over-the-top storylines and lust for melodramat-

ics can be anchored to the stark realities of high school life, realities that give concreteness to the adage "life is sometimes stranger than fiction."

I remember a straight-A student came up to me once, as school was about to end. "Sir, we (she and her posse of straight-A students) plan to get drunk this weekend," she told me. "It's our first time to drink, and we'd like to get your advice on what we should get drunk on."

I began this speech about the dangers of underage drinking (something I myself indulged in) and she cut me off with "Sir, we're gonna

get drunk anyway, whatever you say. You could at least be more helpful." As she turned to go, I blurted: "Beer. Stay over at one of your classmates' house, and make sure you eat something before you drink."

The incident might have been disconcerting were it not for the fact that in the course of that year, one 15-year-old student died of a heart attack, two dropped out because of pregnancies, several were kicked out for sneaking into school at night in commando outfits to steal test questions, and other incidents far stranger. Nothing surprised me after those. A lot of things do happen in school.

Very human

"Boston Public" stories are not only well written and intelligently staged, they are also acted out superbly by a wonderful cast of actors playing the students and the eccentric faculty. The teachers are not impossibly human but very human, very flawed characters who strive to remain dedicated to their vocation while often wondering how far that dedication should go.

The series lauds the vocation of teaching and holds it in the highest regard but it doesn't make the mistake of oversimplifying the difficulties of the job. It doesn't go the uncomplicated route of depicting the teachers as just good and bad. In mind and heart, each teacher (and administrator) wants to do the right thing and thinks he or she is doing so. Inevitably mistakes are made and the ripples of consequences that follow make the teaching vocation even harder.

My favorite teacher is Harry Senate (Nicky Katt), a young and idealistic geology teacher whose dedication toward his vocation often goes beyond the confines of the school. He finds his students much-needed jobs and visits them at home to make sure they stay in school and out of trouble.

But he also has an unorthodox way of keeping kids in line, which is best illustrated in a scene where he wields a gun to get the attention of his most disrespectful class. And in the first episode, he made the mistake of kissing one of his students, who then blackmailed him to rescue her from a drug test (Hey, I told you the teachers are not perfect).

Most endearing

The most hilarious, most endearing character, and the one I hope the producers wouldn't write off the series, is Harvey Lipschultz, the 80-year-old American history teacher victimized by the Ecstasy prank.

Portrayed with a lot of spunk by Pickett Fences veteran Fyvush Finkel (the Jewish defense lawyer in "Pickett Fences"), Lipschultz in his first class kicks out a "crush ng bayan" student for not wearing a bra. He then gives a speech on how wearing a bra is good for America (you just have to catch that on replay), which results in a massive protest in which all the female students tear off their bras and hang them on their lockers.

As conservative as he may seem, he is also the first to come to the aid of a homosexual member of the football team who's being ostracized for his sexual orientation. When his teammates refuse to shower with the student because they suspect he's gay, Lipschultz tries to help by giving the team a lecture on acceptance. "Be proud," Lipschultz tells the squeamish players. "Welcome the gay linebacker into your shower!"

Passion

The best example, though, of the many paradoxes of "Boston Public" is the incredible speech delivered by mentally unstable Ms. Hendricks (Loretta Devine), a teacher who during the first episode had a nervous breakdown and left her class after scrawling "gone to kill myself, hope you're happy" on the chalkboard.

When the school board questions Harper's ability to lead the school, she rallies by the principal's side and tells the members of the board a thing of two about the passion of teaching and par-

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What I learn from watching 'Boston Public'

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.
Contributor

A HIGH SCHOOL student slips Ecstasy into the coffee of her 80-year-old history teacher. The teacher collapses in class and is rushed to the hospital. The principal and his vice principal call in the cops to arrest the student and search the lockers. The search yields a cache of pills in one student's locker (including the abortion pill RU146) and a dead man's foot in another one.

An English teacher from the

same high school meets a college sophomore who shares his passion for Shakespeare. Their verbal sparring leads to several rendezvous that culminate in earth-shattering sex. The teacher falls madly in love, breaks up with his girlfriend and uncharacteristically ditches his classes to spend time with his new girl.

He is delirious with joy until the college sophomore drops the bombshell. She's actually a senior at the teacher's school who posed as a twenty-something to fulfill

her long-time crush on him.

This is not your typical school week, and this is not your typical high school. All these and more happen in just one episode of "Boston Public," the hour-long Fox drama about the life and times of the high school teachers and students at Winslow High, a mid-size public high school in Boston with a racially mixed student body.

The series premiered about two months ago on the Starworld channel (Mondays, 10:00 p.m.)

REVIEW

and the episodes have been so good that I even gladly skipped a Lakers-Spurs game to see it. That speaks a lot about how much I like it.

"Boston Public" is produced by master television provocateur David Kelley, the guy responsible for such hits like "L.A. Law," "The Practice" and "Ally McBeal." So far I find this his best work yet. It's a totally different genre in the one-hour drama scene.

It's like watching a contemporary version of Sidney Poitier's "To Sir With Love" every week,

only there are more dedicated (but not faultless) teachers, more problems in and out of school, and the heterogeneous student body offers more examples of what seems to be every aspect of adolescent existence.

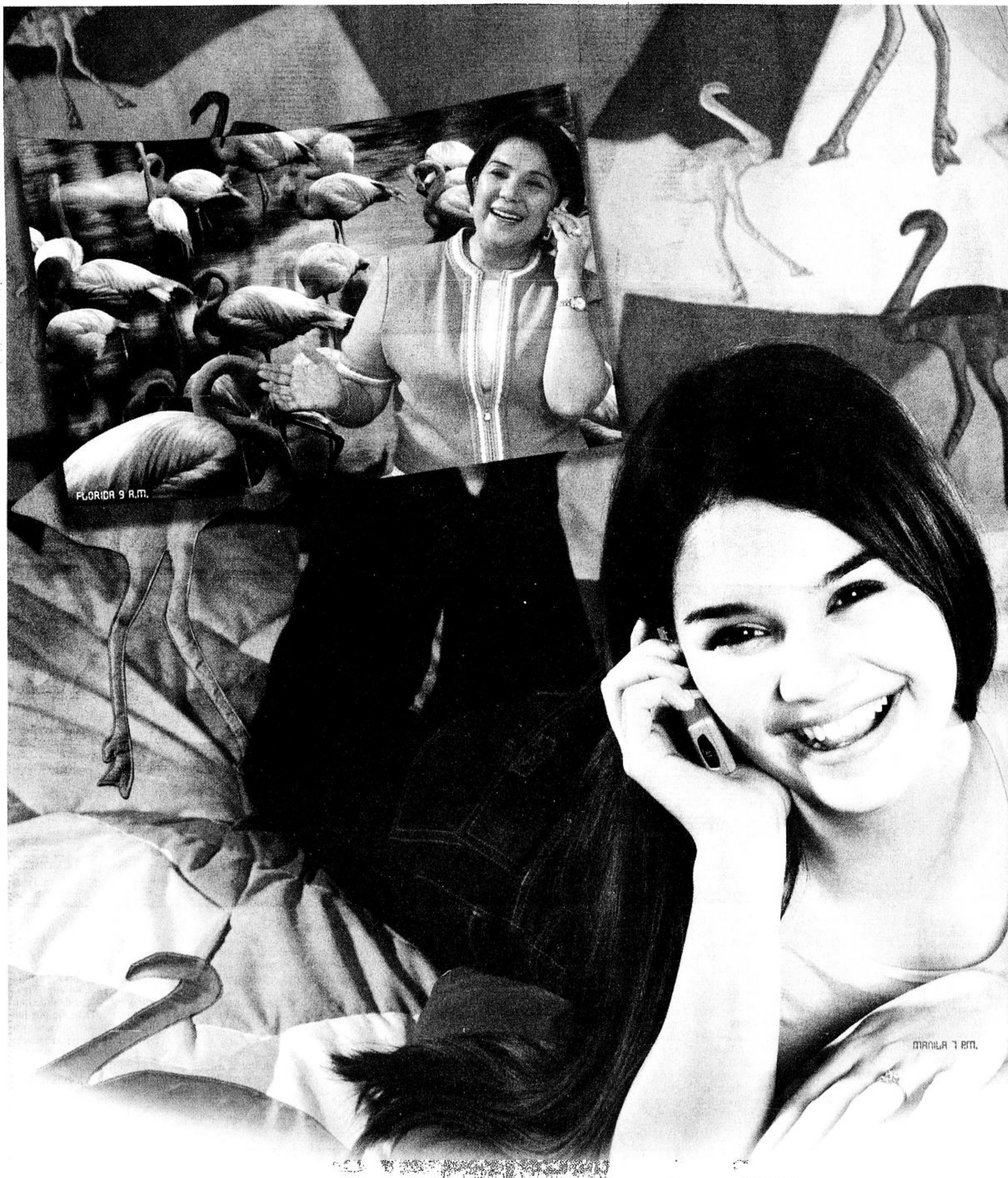
Story materials

Having been a high school teacher at one time myself, I can vouch for the endless stream of story materials one can find in school.

One episode tackles the freedom of expression issue when student journalist Cheryl Holt runs a

website (holt45.com) that vulgarly satirizes teachers. While reporting on school events in her website, she also creates animated parodies of her teachers a la "South Park." One time, she features the budding romance between two teachers as she posts exclusive footage (adding X-rated sound effects) of their first kiss, which she happened to capture through the many hidden cameras she put in school. She thinks it's legitimate social commentary, but the principal suspends her for of-

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Ex-ad man soars on wings of two mothers' love

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

RETIRED teacher Lourdes Syquia-Bautista was once asked why she did not wear any jewelry even if she could, in her ripe old age, finally afford to have her pick.

The 79-year-old English, Theology and Ethics teacher answered that she did not need

any because her 12 children—four of whom graduated summa cum laude, three magna cum laude and two cum laude and all professionals—are her jewels that she did not need to wear around her neck, wrist or finger.

And Bienvenido S. Bautista, vice president and area director for Southeast Asia of Kraft Foods International, is the second in her string of precious children and her eldest son. Bautista once seriously considered becoming

a writer like his father Felix Sr., a longtime speechwriter of Cardinal Sin and one of the founding members of Veritas, but he was convinced to move to another field as "there was no money" in the journalism profession.

FIRST JOB

So after getting his Economics degree from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1967, he worked as account executive trainee for Philippine Advertising Counselors, one of the



PET Bautista, Kraft vice president and area director for Southeast Asia

Mother's Day no longer wicked for stepmoms

NEW YORK—Once upon a time, Mother's Day was one of the darkest days of the year for stepmoms. Fast forward to 2002, when stepmoms now rate a growing number of Mother's Day cards designed just for them.

That's a change from "10 or 15 years ago, when there was a reluctance to use the word 'stepmother' on a card because of the negative, fairy-tale connotations," said Nicole Fraser, a senior writer and editor for American Greetings Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio, the No. 2 US greeting card maker.

Stepmoms now figure into gift shopping and celebration plans of more US families for Mother's Day, which will be observed this Sunday, May 12. Chalk it up to the changing face of the family in 2002.

Hallmark

Deidre Parkes, spokesperson for Hallmark Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri, the largest US greeting card maker, says it estimated that more than 35 million stepfamilies now exist in the United States.

Put another way: About one-third of American families include a stepparent, a stepchild or other steprelative, due to divorce and remarriage, says the Stepfamily Association of America, a national, non-profit membership group "dedicated to successful stepfamily living," according to its website.

Susan Wilkins-Hubley, founder of the Second Wives Club (<http://www.secondwivesclub.com>), an online community for second wives and stepmoms, said, "the more commonplace we become, the less we are shunned" on Mother's Day.

"The big companies are recognizing stepparents and doing some clever marketing," Wilkins-Hubley told Reuters in a telephone interview from her home in Halifax, Nova Scotia. "It's not to say everything is wonderful. But it's better."

She recalled the thrill of receiving a handmade Mother's Day card—a vision in pink and purple with silver glitter—from her stepdaughter Emily, 10.

Cards

"When she was 8, Emily made Mother's Day cards at school—one for her Mom and one for me," Wilkins-Hubley said. "On mine, she wrote: 'You're the best stepmom in the world.' She did this on her own, without any prompting."

She treasures that card because it shows how far she and Emily have come in their relationship.

"I came along when Emily was 3. Initially, she and I had a little bit of a difficult time. She was a very competitive and high-spirited child. And she was very loyal to Mom."

To help others remember the stepmothers in their lives, Wilkins-Hubley published a Mother's Day card this year on her website and in the Second Wives Club newsletter.

"The site is always rockin' on the Monday after Mother's Day with messages that run from either 'I had a wonderful Mother's Day' or 'it was terrible. I didn't even get a thank you.' Those (latter) ones break my heart."

Dr. Margorie Engel, president and chief executive of the Stepfamily Association of America, said adults, especially the husband, can pave the way for happier holidays by "telling children it's OK to open their hearts to the stepmom."

A time to remember

A National Retail Federation survey shows consumers plan to spend an average of \$97 per household on Mother's Day gifts this year, up from \$62 in 2001, a reflection perhaps of the increased emphasis on home and family since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, spokesperson Sarah Scheuer said.

"I saw Hallmark's 'Rememberin' campaign for the first time on TV the other night," Scheuer said. "It had poignant black-and-white pictures, with the words on screen: Remember sisters, aunts, grandmothers, stepmothers, mothers."

Ken Young, spokesperson for 1800Flowers.com, the largest US florist, said, "In the past few years, we've seen a trend we call 'multiple moms,' when customers order Mother's Day flowers for more than one mother figure. That includes stepmoms, aunts, sisters and grandmothers."

BlueNile.com, an online jeweler, is showing sterling silver heart earrings for \$40 and pearl stud earrings for \$50.

Online sales for Mother's Day purchases from April 22 through May 6 went up 59 percent to \$2.4 billion in 2002, compared with \$1.5 billion for 2001, said BizRate.com, a comparison shopping website.

At Yahoo! Shopping, "we expect to see a spike in shopping this Friday," said Karin Salmon, director of commerce production. "We think digital cameras will be popular again."

Bloomington's showed a Motorola i90c cell phone for \$399 in a Mother's Day ad this week in The New York Times. A closer inspection of the fine print revealed that the ad referred shoppers to the "Men's" department to find the phone.

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Ex-ad man soars on wings of two mothers' love

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country's biggest advertising firms at that time which handled the plum accounts such as San Miguel Corp.

It took him only all of two months to realize that the advertising industry was not for him and the P270 a month that he got for his troubles was not enough to keep him there.

"I quickly learned that in that industry I was overworked and underpaid," Bautista tells the INQUIRER in an interview.

Further studies

So the 19-year-old went back to school, completing his master's degree in Business Management also at the Ateneo.

Two years older and years more mature, he rejoined the labor force, this time as management trainee and product group chief for pharmaceutical firm Pfizer Inc.

Just as he knew that advertising was not for him, he also knew that the sales and marketing was where he would excel. He received P800 in 1969.

"I was a field detail man and I was assigned to Davao. I would go to the far-flung barangays and ride a ferryboat. Manila seemed so far away," Bautista says.

He was about a year into the job when his general manager in Davao and during one discussion told him that the best job in any company is that of a general manager.

The young Bautista took the advice to heart and made it his

FLASHBACK

IN 1967, Bienvenido "Pet" Bautista listened to The Beatles and Peter, Paul and Mary. Among the young talents, RJ and the Riots and Technicolors shared the airwaves with other music greats like Frank Sinatra and Perry Como.

Bautista and his friends' idea of a good time was to go to soirees to meet the girls or to go to bars where a good folk singer stayed.

Fashion then for men were tight pants and bell bottoms, Nik-nik shirts, wide multicolor neckties and wide colors. For women, mini-skirts were the rage.



goal in life.

Just 16 years later, the former medical representative reached his goal when he was appointed general manager of P.T. Warner Lambert Indonesia. Except for him and the Canadian marketing director, all 280 employees of the company were Indonesians.

He was one of the first Filipinos to hold the position and also the first Asian and Filipino to be named chairperson of the Jakarta International School during his stint with Warner Lambert.

Nationalism

Bautista, his wife Winda and three daughters were happy living in Indonesia but they were inspired to go back to the Philippines in 1987 when President Corazon Aquino came to power.

"Whenever she went around, her spiel was for Filipinos to go back to the Philippines. Maybe because of nationalism, I brought my family back to the Philippines even if I had no job. Things were booming at that time so you could really

take that chance," Bautista says.

Wyeth Philippines Inc. immediately hired him when it learned that Bautista was out from job, appointing him corporate marketing director of the pharmaceutical firm.

He managed the pharmaceutical, nutritional and consumer divisions of Wyeth which brought in P3 billion in sales. In the four years of his tenure, yearly sales and profit objectives were met. Sales grew 245 percent and net direct income, by 278 percent.

The growth came mainly from the successful introduction of the Promil follow-on milk, introducing an all-new market for the pharmaceutical industry, and the Clusivol vitamins which carried the tag line "For a little more quality time."

Bautista's track record attracted Kraft General Foods Phils., and he was hired to become general manager and executive vice president in 1992, eventually moving up to president and general manager in 1994.

Before he was hired, Kraft suf-

fered from a 6-percent decline in volume, which was eventually reversed when Bautista came in. By the time he left Kraft to join food and beverage conglomerate San Miguel Corp., the company's volume grew 18 percent in 1992 and 1993, and 28 percent in 1994.

On to San Miguel

Profits also grew at a compounded growth rate of 22 percent per year and revenues were up 20 percent to exceed P2 billion.

He stayed in San Miguel for three years but it was enough to make a mark first in the food group—San Miguel Foods, San Miguel Campocarne Corp., Monterey Farms, Philippine Dairy products Corp., SMFG agribusiness, Magnolia International and Instafarm—then in the beer division.

Bautista left in September 1998 and when his old employer learned that he was again in the market, Kraft hired him back first as director for strategy (based in New York) then as vice president and area director for Southeast Asia, a position he holds until now.

Bautista says his career has been a challenging and fulfilling one, and an opportunity to visit and work in many parts of the globe. He says he would not have been able to accomplish what he had if not for the help of two mothers—his own and Winda, his wife and mother of their three daughters.

He credits his mother for teaching him the values of hard work, discipline, love for family and taking time to smell the roses along the way up the corporate ladder.



BAUTISTA with wife, Winda

The fact that the Bautista household was filled with books also fostered the drive for academic excellence among the siblings.

He adds that his mother and father always told him and his brothers and sisters that they should never compromise their principles and morals and to keep their integrity above all.

The Bautista family lived these values so much so that the Catholic Women's League named it the Family of the Year 15 years ago.

"I brought all these values to the job and until now I still believe that you must have absolute integ-

erty because your name is your most prized possession," he says.

Supportive wife

And if Bautista's mother showed him the way to greatness, then Winda, his wife for 32 years, helped make sure that he stayed on the right road.

"Winda has really been the secret to my success, pushing me when I slackened, getting me off the floor after major disappointments and just being there when I needed her. She has also been a super mom to our three kids, balancing her love for all of us," Bautista shares.

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Funds court rich US clients with a more personal touch

NEW YORK—Most investors get no closer to their money managers than a quarterly shareholder letter in the mail. But the wealthy get the personal touch.

Investment firms are racing to court the growing ranks of wealthy Americans—who control trillions of dollars in assets—with a lot more than just investment advice and tax planning.

As part of an effort to deepen relationships with current clients as well as attract new ones, these firms sponsor scores of activities with little or nothing to do with portfolio management. They have included soirees with a famous novelist, cooking classes with a celebrity chef and auto racing.

The personal touch has long been part of the business of attracting so-called "high-net-worth" investors. The key strategy behind it: forging a bond with well-heeled clients who are entrusting their firms with millions of dollars in assets.

"This business is all about relationships," said John Hilton Jr., chief operating officer at New York money manager Bessemer Trust, which oversees about \$36 billion for wealthy clients.

"Any time you have the opportunity to spend time with your client, whether it's in a work environment or a social environment, is about building the relationship," he said.

Two years into the bear market, it's even more important to hang on to business. Many investors are withdrawing funds, competition for assets is tough and the financial industry is seeing mounting job losses.

Money managers reap fees based on an investor's assets under management, making wealthy clients a lucrative group for everyone from large Wall Street firms like Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. to mainstream fund firms such as Fidelity Investments. At Bessemer Trust, for example, new clients must have a minimum of \$10 million in assets.

The number of rich Americans is growing despite the sluggish economy and dismal stock market. More and more well-heeled baby boomers are retiring and cashing out of stock options or selling their small businesses.

At the end of 2001, roughly 4.6 million, or some 4.2 percent, of US households held assets of at least \$1 million, compared with about 2.7 million households, or 2.5 percent, at the end of 1999, according to Tiburon Strategic Advisors, a market research and consulting firm in Tiburon, California.

These wealthy investors control about \$12 trillion in investable assets, according to Tiburon.

Trust and wine tastings

An investment firm's first priority is managing clients' portfolios. But wealthy people are not necessarily looking for the best returns, said Charles Roame, managing principal at Tiburon. Most are conservative investors who are looking for steady, solid performance, he said.

Clients also want an investment manager they can trust, said Lyle Logan, director of

sales and marketing for personal financial services at Chicago-based Northern Trust Corp. Most investment firms that cater to the wealthy have "relationship managers" who try to get to know clients individually.

"Their needs go beyond just managing money," he said. "Their needs are, 'understand me as a person.'"

To do that, asset managers work to cultivate one-on-one relationships. Many companies host charity dinners, educational seminars or wine tastings that appeal to their clients' interests.

Bessemer Trust entertains clients at events such as the US Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Georgia, or it hosts small, private dinners. Northern Trust hosts hundreds of events each year for small groups of clients, such as art exhibitions that may feature a private talk by a curator, or literary gatherings featuring well-known authors such as novelist Joyce Carol Oates.

Money manager Neuberger Berman Inc., a New York firm that has long catered to wealthy clientele, also hosts its share of "client appreciation" events. In fact, it will hold upcoming cooking classes for a small group of clients with chef Sara Moulton of The Food Network's "Cooking Live" show.

The firm also has organized a cigar smoking soiree and is planning an outing in June to the Skip Barber racecar driving school in Connecticut.

A token of appreciation

The extracurricular activities help show clients the firm appreciates their business, said Heidi Schneider, executive vice president of Neuberger's Private Asset Management unit, which oversees nearly \$26 billion. The unit's minimum investment is \$500,000 and the average client has about \$4 million in assets invested through the firm.

The relationship side of the business is often overlooked, Schneider said. She recalled one client, with assets of more than \$100 million, who pulled money from another firm and signed on with Neuberger even though its fees were higher, because the client had felt neglected at the other firm.

"It tends to be that relationships are taken for granted after a while," she said. "I really try, as someone running this business, not to let that happen."

Other investment firms say they think a pure focus on investment performance works just fine—without any frills.

"We're perfectly fun guys, but that's not what we think is delivering real value," said Peter Bain, executive vice president at asset manager Legg Mason Inc. "We want the relationship founded in performance, not entertainment."

Reuters

ERRATUM

In last week's issue, we put the wrong caption to the photo in the article entitled "Teaching Japanese to buy made in RP." Our apologies to Mr. Yoji Kawada.

Football keeps Swedish banker on his feet

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

SWEDISH national Johan Sekora has been playing football (soccer to us Filipinos) since he was 6 years old. And when he turned 14, he even got the chance to play for the farm team that was affiliated with Sweden's premier team IFK Gothenberg.

But as talented as he was, he turned his back on the chance to play professional football and became a political science student instead at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom.

He graduated with a special degree in Politics and Parliamentary Studies, one of the first non-British to be accepted to the course.

He was accepted because of the same discipline and desire for ex-

cellence that he displayed in the football field since he learned how to kick a football, and it was for these same reasons that HSBC hired the football enthusiast three years ago.

Now at 29 years old, Sekora is project manager for Internet banking of HSBC.

It is a challenging job, he says, because HSBC is coming in admittedly late to the Internet banking bandwagon, so he had to work doubly hard to make sure that the Internet banking platform would rise above the rest.

As he says, being last does not mean being the least.

"We may be among the last, but we really did it that way because we wanted to make sure that it is really working. We are proud to say that our customers

can tap 25 different services and do almost anything except change signatures," Sekora says.

The challenge and the work put into setting up the Internet banking platform can be almost unbearable at times, but playing football helps lighten the load for Sekora.

"It really is just a relief to play football. If I did not play, I think I would go mental," Sekora says.

Football has been a form of therapy for Sekora even during his college days in Leeds, where he felt he always had to prove that he deserved his place in the political science program.

"I was able to continue playing football in college because Englishmen take football very seriously just like the Swedish people. In school, we would just

go out to play and before we knew it, we would forget about everything because we were so into the game. It was relaxing," Sekora says.

Even in the Philippines where football is not a popular sport, Sekora still manages to squeeze in a football game about three times a week, mostly with expatriates, in Merville, Parañaque. He plays for the Scandinavian team as an offensive midfielder, the same position played by English football superstar David Beckham.

"We even have an international tournament every November where teams from around Asia come here to play," he says.

Sekora does not have any regrets passing up the chance to



FOOTBALL/B9 SEKORA is off to Japan to watch the World Cup games.

Singapore airport sharpens image as rivalry heats up

SINGAPORE—On a lazy Sunday afternoon, taxi driver Haroon bin Ali enjoys having a cup of coffee at a Singapore cafe as he watches the world go by.

His regular hangout? Changi Airport.

"The cafes and restaurants are very cheap. We go there to have coffee, chat and see people come and go," said Ali, 62, who brings his family to the airport on the eastern part of the island once a month.

On weekends, families mill around the food courts and children gawk at huge aquariums in the arrival halls as lovers and students steal some quiet time at the air-conditioned viewing galleries.

The gleaming airport has, along with Singapore Airlines, become a national icon of sorts.

Changi

While winning local hearts, Changi may be losing ground as a hub of choice for international carriers as its Southeast Asian rivals fight for intra-regional flights and to become stopovers for long-haul flights between Australia and Europe.

Changi ranks fourth in Asia behind Tokyo, Hong Kong and Bangkok for passenger traffic and third for freight handled, preliminary 2001 statistics from Airports Council International show.

"It is very, very competitive out there and they know they are under pressure. Airlines are continually looking at their costs," Stephen Thompson, regional general manager for Southeast Asia at Qantas British Airways, told Reuters.

"Running an airport is no different from running an airline. They've got to make sure we are being well looked after and our customers are being looked after as well."

Changi, which serves 58 airlines flying to 138 cities, saw 28 million passengers pass through its two terminals last year.

Regional rivalry

Malaysia, Singapore's closest neighbor, has upped the ante by planning to waive landing and parking fees for five years on new flights to Kuala Lumpur to turn its showpiece airport into a major hub for Southeast Asia.

The move is seen helping the ultra-modern but under-utilized Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) compete head-on with Changi and Bangkok's Don Muang.

Malaysia recently convinced Egypt Air to shift its operations from Singapore, which is expected to take place in July.

While costs are important, carriers said low fees were not sufficient on their own to justify relocating.

"When deciding on the feasibility of starting operations from a particular airport, airlines take into consideration factors such as traffic rights, yields and traffic demand of the routes," said a spokesperson for German flag carrier Lufthansa.

Bangkok, seen as Singapore's closest competitor in terms of connectivity, is also building a second international airport, which is due to open in 2004.

While some airlines say this could pose a threat to the city state, Stephen Chu, Emirates' regional manager for Singapore and Brunei, said Changi remained his company's choice.

"The reason why we have made Changi into a hub for our operations is also because of the liberal aviation policies that Singapore has and the good connections from Singapore to other points," he said. "It's not just money matters."

Changi moves

Singapore is keenly aware of the pressure from regional rivals for a slice of its transport business, which extends to ports.

The city state has signaled its intentions to further liberalize the transport industry, which will include incentives to attract new airlines and entrench existing ones in the face of increased competition.

Albert Tjoeng, public relations manager at the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), told Reuters it was aware of the move but must be reasonable and had offered a 10-percent rebate in landing fees last October after the Sept. 11 attacks.

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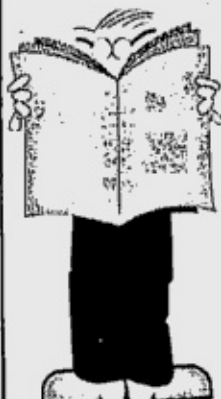
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PEZA-PBAC Chairman

(PDI-May 6, 12 & 19, 2002)

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Sale Lot No.:
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Description:
29,365 bags of Rice ADI Jasmine/
Fabulous, JR Glutinous, Marco Polo,
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Abandoned/Forfeited
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Container Nos. - N/A
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Location: NFA Warehouse, CIP
Complex, Cebu City

Floor Price: N/A
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3. All Others - P 872.00/bag

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(PDI - May 12, 2002)

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SECOND (2nd) INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF ROLL-UP/SUN SCREENS

All corporations registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), with extensive supply, delivery and installation experience in roll-up/sun screens (around 5,000 sq.m.) for office buildings are invited to apply for pre-qualification for the bidding of the Bank's roll-up/sun screen requirements for the new LBP Headquarters Building in Malate, Manila with the following schedule:

Issuance of Pre-qualification Form	Pre-qualification Conference	Issuance of Notices of Pre-qualification/Pre-disqualification after	Issuance of Notices of Pre-qualification/Pre-disqualification	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-Bid Conference	Bidding Date
May 13-14, 2002 @ 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	May 14, 2002 @ 5:00 p.m.	a. Evaluation of Pre-qualification Documents & Brochures b. Evaluation of mockups versus Brochures	May 27, 2002 June 08, 2002	June 07, 2002 @ 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.	June 11, 2002 @ 10:00 a.m.	June 14, 2002 @ 10:00 a.m.

All interested Suppliers may obtain the Pre-qualification forms from the Ad Hoc Group Office, c/o Project Management and Engineering Department (PMED), 24th flr., Land Bank Plaza, 1598 M.H. del Pilar cor. Dr. J. Quintos Sts., Malate, Manila, upon payment of a non-refundable processing fee of P1,400.00 for the new suppliers (those who did not secure the pre-qualification documents during the first invitation), and P700.00 for those who have submitted pre-qualification documents during the first invitation.

After the pre-qualification conference, Suppliers shall be given one (1) day to signify in writing their interest to join the pre-qualification process by accomplishing the proforma Letter of Intent (LOI) included in the pre-qualification forms issued earlier. Attendance to the pre-qualification conference is among the requirements for pre-qualification.

Duly accomplished Pre-qualification forms shall be submitted to and received at the above-stated office not later than **May 17, 2002, 3:00PM**, after which no documents will be accepted. All participating suppliers shall be notified in writing of the results of the pre-qualification.

Only pre-qualified suppliers may secure Bid Documents at the above-stated office/date upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P5,000.00.

Pre-qualification and Pre-Bid conferences will be held at the Facilities Management and General Services Group (FMGSG) Conference Room, 24th Floor, Land Bank Plaza, 1598 M.H. del Pilar cor. Dr. J. Quintos Streets, Malate, Manila.

Bidding shall be conducted using the two (2) envelope system (envelopes "A" and "B") to be submitted to and received not later than **10:00 AM** on **June 14, 2002** (the Bidding Date). Bidding shall be held at the FMGSG Conference Room, 24th Floor Land Bank Plaza, 1598 M.H. del Pilar cor. Dr. J. Quintos Streets, Malate, Manila.

LBP reserves the right to change the date of issuance of bid documents, pre-bid conference and bidding date. Due notice of changes shall however be communicated by LBP to pre-qualified bidders. LBP likewise reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses/loss that they may incur during the preparation of their bids, and to accept the bid that is most advantageous to the Bank.

(Sgd.) ANTONIO T. HERNANDEZ
Chairman,
Sub-Committee for LBP HQ Building Project

(PDI - May 11, 12 & 13, 2002)



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RIZAL AVENUE, STA. CRUZ
MANILA, PHILIPPINES
TEL. NO. 743-8301

May 2, 2002

INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB Nos. 2002-5-30-2 (a), 2002-6-19-2(b) & (c)

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed written bids for the provision of required services for Fiscal year 2002-2003.

Only responsible and duly licensed/accredited contracting service agencies are qualified to participate.

Bidding documents can be secured at the Procurement and Logistics Service, Department of Health, Building 26, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila from May 13 to June 11, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. upon submission of Letter of Intent, presentation of current business permit and payment of a non-refundable fee of Two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) for each bid document.

Particulars	Pre-bid Conference	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids
1. Distribution Hauling Services	May 30, 2002 3:00 p.m.	June 20, 2002 2:00 p.m.	June 20, 2002 2:01 p.m.
2. Janitorial Services	May 29, 2002 9:00 a.m.	June 19, 2002 9:00 a.m.	June 19, 2002 9:01 a.m.
3. Security Services	May 29, 2002 1:00 p.m.	June 19, 2002 2:00 p.m.	June 19, 2002 2:01 p.m.

All activities shall be held at the Multi Media Center of Excellence, Department of Health, Building No. 18, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, unless announced otherwise.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of P400,000.00, for Janitorial and Security Services and P500,000.00, for Hauling Services in the prescribed form stated under ITB Nos. 2002-5-30-2(a), 2002-6-19-2(b) and 2002-6-19-2(c) of the Bid Documents and must be valid for thirty (30) days after the expiration of bid validity as indicated.

For further details, please contact the Secretariat, COBAC, Department of Health at telephone numbers 743-8301 local 1338.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BID, TO ANNUL THE BIDDING PROCESS, REJECTS ALL BIDS AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT, WITHOUT THEREBY INCURRING ANY LIABILITY TO THE AFFECTED BIDDERS OR ANY OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE AFFECTED BIDDER OR BIDDERS ON THE REASONS FOR DOING SO. THE COBAC ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO COMPENSATE OR INDEMNIFY BIDS NOR DEEM IT GUARANTEED THAT AN AWARD WILL BE MADE.

By authority of the Secretary of Health:

(Sgd.) ZENaida O. LUDOVIC, MD, MPH, CESO II
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson, Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI-May 5 & 12, 2002)



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National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID AD NO. PD2002-14

Bidding Date : June 7, 2002 - 9:00 AM
Pre-Bid Conference : May 23, 2002 - 1:30 PM
(NPC Fiesta Hall Conference Room)

SECURITY SERVICES FOR BATAAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, MORONG BATAAN

(Approved Budget for the Contract/Package to be Bid - P14,180,210.00)

Interested parties are invited to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bids on the above to be opened publicly at the NPC Fiesta Hall, Conference Room, NPC-OB, Quezon Avenue corner Agham Road, Dilliman, Quezon City.

Eligibility forms and Bid documents are available for issuance on **May 13-23, 2002, 8:30 to 11:30 AM** at the Accreditation, Bidding and IT Services, Procurement and Contracting Division, Materials Management Department, Ground Floor, Building 2, upon (1) presentation of original copy of Applicant's registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission and/or Department of Trade and Industry, (2) presentation of original copy of License to Operate issued by the Security Agency and Guards Supervisory Division (SAGSD), (3) submission of Applicant's TIN and payment of non-refundable fee of Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00).

Submission of eligibility forms/documents and bid proposal is not later than **9:00 AM of June 7, 2002** at the NPC Fiesta Hall, Conference Room, after which the opening of first envelope shall follow. The opening of the Bid Proposal and other documents (second envelope) will be announced during the Pre-bid Conference. For further inquiries, please call no. 924-5280.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation.

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(PDI - May 10 & 12, 2002)

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JUANITO UY ASTILLERO

of Irosin, Sorsogon

Peacefully joined his Creator on May 10, 2002
 at the age of 63.

His bereaved wife Rosemary

Children and in-laws

Jocelyn & Theofredo Sandico

Helen & Luis Angel Concepcion

Daniel & Corrine Go

Aron

Grandchildren

"Cinna"

"Inno"

"Iana"

"Nalu"

He lies in state at Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish,
 Doña Juana Rodriguez Avenue,
 Broadway, New Manila, Quezon City.

Cremation will follow after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 on Tuesday, May 14, 2002.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

COL. JUAN "Johnny" A. GARINGO, PAF (Ret.)

08 February 1926 - 22 April 2002

*"You will always be forever in our hearts...DAD."**Who peacefully joined his Creator on 22 April 2002.*

His loving wife Adelaida "Adel" with loving children Juan Jr. and May, Jonathan and Milagros, Jaime and Terrie, Ike and Jelmina, Raoul and Joanne; grandchildren Jona, Mingming, JR. Popop, Reggie, Tata Boom, Alexa, Justin John and Angela Joy; his brother Greg; and sister Feling; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, cousins, nephews and nieces, and other relatives convey our sincerest thanks to all those who consoled with us, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, went to the wake and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites at the Libingan ng mga Bayani and in many unknown countless ways assisted and comforted us in our moments of bereavement.

May God Bless Us All!

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

ENRIQUETA M. AGUYIN

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
 on 22 April 2002 at the age of 66

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest
 appreciation to all those who consoled with and
 comforted us in our time of bereavement.

CMDR. SANTOS A. CRISPIN

(PN Retired)

"Is now safely Home with our Lord. He passed away May 3, 2002 at
 the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California.

He left behind a loving wife for 58 years.

RESURECCION B. CRISPIN, an only child MARILOU B. CRISPIN,
 an only granddaughter LORENA ASIDAO; her husband ROGER SPENCE,
 an elderly brother CFI Judge Ret. ZACARIAS CRISPIN;
 and wife VALENTINA CRISPIN.
 You shall forever live in our hearts!!!"

From your loving family in grief.

Our Dearly Beloved

MANUEL CHUA CHIACO, SR., M.D.

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February 6, 1914 - May 10, 2002

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Joined his Creator on May 10, 2002

He lived a full and blessed life.

His loving wife CELING; children TESSIE, MANUEL, JR. (CHUCK) & GRACE, ANCHIT
 & SALLY, ANDY (+), CECILLE & ELIAURELIO, GIGI; grandchildren RINA, KATHY, JOHN
 MICHAEL, JOHN PHILIP, CARISSA, ELLIZA, CARLINE; request all those whose lives he
 may have touched, to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

In lieu of flowers, we know it would have pleased him to receive donations to benefit his favorite
 charity, the Good Samaritan Foundation.

He lies in state at Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills, East, Mandaluyong City.

Final Mass will be at Lourdes Church, Kanlaon Street, Quezon City on Wednesday,
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Interment follows immediately at the Chinese Cemetery.



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who joined his Creator on May 13, 1977

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 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, ... 6:30 AM
 Camp Alenza, Libis, Quezon City
 St. Elizabeth Hospital Chapel, ... 11:00 AM
 General Santos City
 San Isidro de Labrador Parish, ... 6:00 PM
 Talavera, N.E.

The family request relatives, friends and pious readers
 to remember him in their prayers.

THANK YOU

The bereaved family, Ray, Juliet & Darren,
 Annie, Cristy & Bong,
 grandchildren and relatives of the late

JULIA ARICAYOS-BARANGAN

who joined her Creator on April 21, 2002

wish to convey their sincere gratitude to all who offered
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Drought brings out hot new business in Benguet

By Jovelyn Reyes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

ATOK, Benguet—Vegetable farmers here who are experiencing the pinch of the drought now ravaging the country's farms have turned to cactus cultivation to survive.

Farmers in some areas in Benguet have temporarily stopped planting vegetables and have turned to cactus cultivation because the plant can survive "even in desert heat temperature," says cactus grower Delin Andiso, 29.

Vegetable farmers between the Halsema Highway's Km 22 and Km 50 in this town had put up huge greenhouses to grow cactus.

"Unlike vegetables, cactus plants do not need (much) water. Its cultivation is also better than farming because it is less tedious as the cactus plants survive on their own," she says in Filipino.

Cactus growing, according to Andiso, is easy because the plant does not require too much care and does not need fertilizers.

Like her, other farmers in Benguet have turned cactus growing into a lucrative business.

Cactus growing in the province started in 1990 but the industry hit a profitable market only in 1996 when the Baguio Flower Festival or Panagbenga was conceptualized.

Cactus plants displayed during the past Panagbenga festivals have attracted buyers, most of them cactus collectors.



MORE than 200 cactus species are grown in Benguet.

Hobby turned business

"It actually started as a hobby but we later found out that many people are into cactus collection," Andiso relates.

Andiso is cultivating more than 100 species of imported cactus from Australia and Korea. She says more than 200 cactus species are grown in Benguet.

She keeps her cactus in more than 1,000 pots in her greenhouse here.

Cactus growing as a business "is a sure business" because competition is minimal, she adds.

"Hindi ka malulugi sa cactus (You won't lose in cactus production) because the bigger and the older the

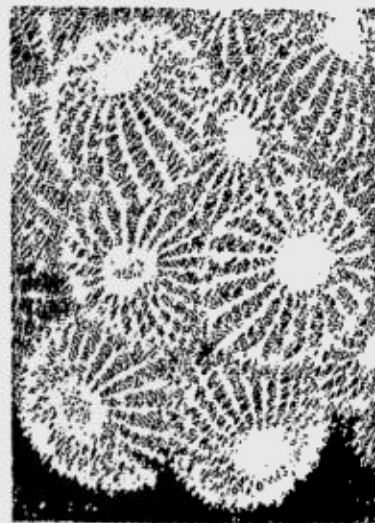
cactus is, the more expensive it becomes," she says.

She says cactus plants sell from P10 to P2,000 a pot, depending on the size and the rarity of the species.

Rare species like ompico, golden barrel, brain cactus and golden ball are the most expensive with prices ranging from P400 for a thumb-size plant to P2,000 for a flower-bearing plant.

Although expensive, animal-shaped cactus plants (zebra, cobra, shark teeth and tiger jaw) are also the most sought-after species.

Andiso says growing these species would take a farmer from one to three years before these can be sold. She adds that the cactus names



BARREL Cactus

are derived from the plant colors and structure. "Many species were named by the farmers themselves," she shares.

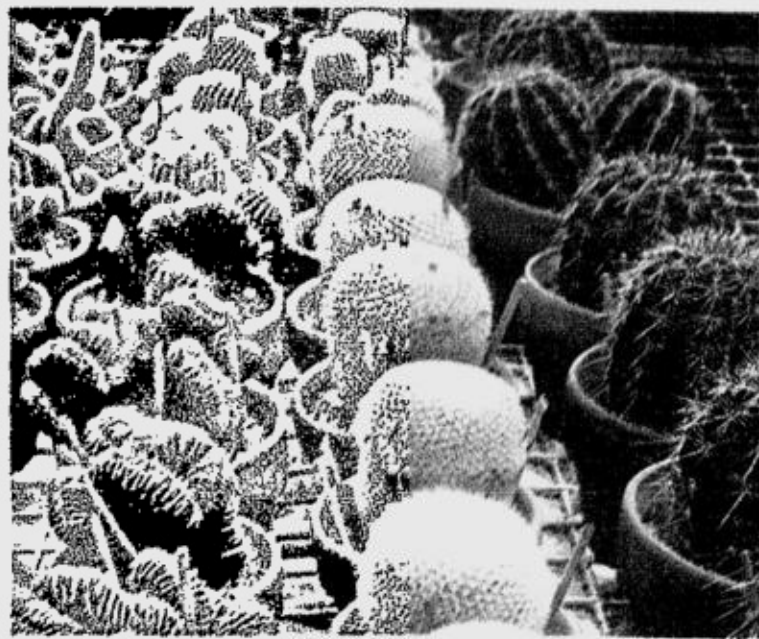
Common species, like the five fingers, prince's crown, powder puff, polka dots and bulb, are the best-selling species with prices ranging from P10 to P100.

Good time to plant

These species are grown from a week to six months and can be sold immediately.

Andiso says summer is a good time to grow cactus but it is best when there is extreme heat like in times of drought or El Niño.

During rainy months, the cactus plants have to be confined in green-



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houses. She says Metro Manila-based businessmen come to Atok, at least 50 km north of Baguio, at least twice a week to buy cactus plants from her farm.

Andiso maintains a stall at the Benguet State University orchard in La Trinidad town.

In last February's week-long flower festival, Andiso says she earned between P10,000 and P20,000.

"But this kind of business is seasonal. During rainy days we sometimes earn nothing," she stresses.

Despite the good business that her cactus plants bring, Andiso says she and her family have not totally given up on vegetable farming.

"This is just an additional source of income. We cannot give up farming entirely because we also need something to eat. Cactus are just luxury (items) and are only for the rich," she says.

"When the rain comes, we will go back to vegetable farming. But since we are expecting little rain for a few months, we will stick to cactus growing," she adds.

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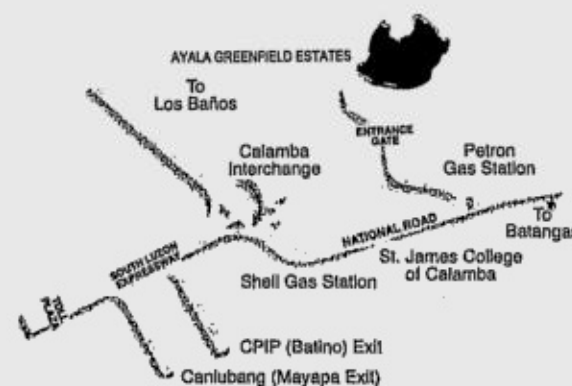


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BY L.P. LEVISTE



AGRICULTURE chief Leonardo Montemayor scored a big victory for the Philippines when the United States finally accepted mangoes from the Philippines. This could be the start of something big for Filipino farmers.

Football keeps Swedish banker on his feet

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play professional football, saying that he still retained the love for the sport while embarking on a different career.

And like many other football fanatics, Sekora will leave for Japan to take part in the 2002 FIFA World Cup, also known as the World Soccer Championship, which will commence on May 31 up to June 30.

The event, which is held only once every four years, draws billions of cumulative TV viewers from most countries around the world, making it the biggest and most popular single sporting event in the world.

This year's World Cup is even

more significant because it will be the first time that the World Cup will be hosted in Asia and the first time that two countries—South Korea and Japan—will host the football games.

HSBC in the Philippines is commemorating the event by issuing the limited edition HSBC World Cup MasterCard. It carries a unique card design exclusively produced for the 2002 FIFA World Cup.

Sekora says he is taking a leave of absence from HSBC to fly to Tokyo and support his native Sweden, which is in the same group as football heavyweights Argentina, England and Nigeria.

"I still think Sweden has a fair chance," he adds.



FINANCE Secretary Camacho (left) with Rep. Ralph Recto and Philippine Stock Exchange Chair Vivian Yuchengco.

AIG hosts dinner for finance chief

JOSE L. Cuisia Jr., who heads the local operations of American insurance giant AIG Group, recently tendered a dinner in honor of Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho.

The dinner was well-attended

by many of the country's top business leaders, with conversation touching a broad range of topics, including how the government and the business sector can help put the country back on track toward economic recovery.



SECRETARY Lito Camacho with wife Kim.



RAUL T. Concepcion of Concepcion Industries, Secretary Camacho and host Jose L. Cuisia Jr.



BUSINESSMEN Alberto Lina (left) and Bien Tan with Kim Camacho.



HONORED guest Secretary Camacho with AIG and Philam group head Jose Cuisia who once served as Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas governor.

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Singapore

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"This has brought our current landing fees to 1981 levels. We will closely monitor our charges and make adjustments whenever necessary to ensure that we remain competitive," he said.

Changi's new facilities would help differentiate it from its competitors and CAAS was working on expanding city links and flight frequencies, he added.

CAAS is spending \$1.5 billion (\$833 million) to build Changi's third terminal, which will be able to handle another 20 million passengers per year when it is completed in 2006. This will bring the airport's total capacity to 64 million.

In recent months, CAAS also sank \$51 million into developing the world's first airport game show and launched its business aviation lounge for private jets.

Chu from Emirates said Changi had consistently upgraded its facilities and that its pro-active approach in anticipating customer demands should stand it in good stead.

"As long as it keeps pace and tries to keep ahead of competition, it should be able to maintain itself as a hub for quite a few of the airlines," Chu said.

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Daby, Audie, Dinko,
Sam, Gimi, Blue,
Gypsy, Joan

Mimi,

**Happy Mother's Day
Mama Mimi!
We Love You!**



Love,
Gino, Gali, Dendee,
Daby, Audie, Dinko

Gina,

**Happy Mother's Day
Mama Gina!
We Love You!**



Love,
Sam, Gimi,
Blue, Gypsy

To: All our Lolas,
our Aunties
and to you Mama Angie

**Happy
Mother's
Day**

Aliana and Nonin Diaz



To Nanay Nene Rodriguez,

Kahit malayo ka sa aming piling ay hindi
kami makakalimot na alalahanin ka sa
araw na ito, kasi mahal ka naming lahat!
Happy Mother's Day!

Eddie, Bendinne, IB, Ish, Kwik, & Dianne

Mama Elizabeth Salvador
We are what we are today,
because of you. We love
you and will always be
grateful for your love and
care.

Happy Mother's Day!
Loving Children,
Che, Riza and Jay

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YOU**

Nicah, Aj,
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**YOU ARE THE
BEST MOMMY IN
THE WHOLE
WORLD! WE MISS
YOU & LOVE YOU
VERY MUCH!**

DANAH & JOJO

*Happy Mother's
Day.*
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MOM!**

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RACHEL

TO OUR MOM ZENY
JIMENO,
WE MAY OFTEN
ARGUE BUT THAT
DOES NOT MEAN
THAT WE LOVE LESS.
WE LOVE YOU MAMA
& HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY
Love, TIN, JESS & DIDI

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RIZALINA,
YOU R D' BEST & D'
SWEETEST MOM EVER!
We Love You Very Much!
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REDMUND & JULIA

Dearest Mama,
Thank you for your
unconditional love,
thank you for your
unending support to us,
thank you for being
there during our tough
times;

Giving us all you can
eventhough we
disappoint you
sometimes;

You are our heroine...
You're simply the
Best... Mama!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Love, Gina, Irene, Eva
& Amor Layague

To Mama Bendinne Rodriguez,

As a Mother, you are very loving and caring.
You're one of a kind in this world! That is why we
all love you so much! **Happy Mother's Day!**

Papa Ed, IB, Ish, Kwik, & Dianne

Dearest MA,

**You're Exceptional!
HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY!**

Love,
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and Jayson

Mommy Em,

A beautiful person inside and out,
you're God's special creation.
Thank you for all the wonderful things
you've given us—understanding
patience and most of all, LOVE.
May the Lord continue to shower you
with His blessings and may He give you
the strength to face life's challenges.
We'll always be by your side...
We'll always be here for you.



**Happy
Mother's Day!**
We love you,
Tin, Ning & Joy

MAMA, INAY & NANAY

**Happy
Mother's
Day!**

God Bless you all.



We Love You,
LANZ, LYN & DING

To Nanay Luning Molina,

Sa mga ganitong pagkakataon lang namin
Naipapaalam sa iyo ang aming pasasalamat
Sa pagkakaroon ng mabait at mapagmahal
Na Nanay katulad mo! Mahal ka naming
Lahat! **Happy Mother's Day!**

Ed, Bendinne, IB, Ish, Kwik, & Dianne

Mommy,

God is truly good,
He made you my mother.

I Love You.

**Happy
Mother's
Day!**

Alyana Antoneth Tiu



Maxima Madarang,

You're the mother who help us in
everything especially when were down
and trouble and we need a helping hand.
Your always there for us.

I made this for you to make you happy
today cause Mother's Day is special to
my special mother like you.

Happy Mother's Day

I Love You Mother
Fr. Espedido & Madarang Family

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**Aunt Teresita "Tess"
Dizon Basilio**

Mula sa mga pamangkin at apo mong
nagmamahal,
Arnold, Henry and Liza
Lymo & Ashley

Mama Cora,

Sa pagkakataong ito gusto kong
tumbasan ang pagmamahal na
ipinadama mo sa akin, sa pamamagitan
nito hayuan mong batiin kita ng
Happy Mother's Day sa araw na ito.

Love,
Wendell

Happy Mother's Day

**Nanay Mila
Basilio Gatdula**

Mula sa inga anak at
apo mong nagmamahal,
Arnold, Henry and Liza
Lymo & Ashley

Nanay,

You are wonderful and a God's gift to
us. We love you and we will treasure
you in our hearts always. **Happy
Mother's Day!**

Lovingly,
Jane/Allan & Alyana
Jem & Jun & Baby
Jojo, John, Tatay

To Lola Bening,

**HAPPY MOTHER'S
DAY!!!**

We love you & miss you!!

Love Kai, Neil,
Den2, Vince
& Pamela



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**Happy Mother's
Day!!!
We Love You!!!**

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MOMMY "Nene Erum Santos"
"We Love You!"**

ARNEL & MAIZA, ANNIE & GINTO,
ALEX & GENESIS KRISTOFFER,
RAYMOND

Dearest Mommy,

I love you for all the things you've been
giving Papa, Me, my brothers and my family.
I just wish, God would bless you with good
health so you could be with us for more long
time.

I LOVE YOU!

Happy Mother's Day
Laleng

MAMA,

Always remember that no
mother can replace you in my
heart. Thanks for being my
mom. **I LOVE YOU!**
Happy Mother's Day!

Chona A.

To All My Lolas,

Aunties &
My Mommy Bongga

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!**

I Love You All!



Your Little Baby
KRISHIA-JHAYE

Mama Ohnat,

Happy Mother's Day!
Thanks for your untiring
love and care.

Love and prayers,

Jayson, Neneng & Ria

Sa Pinakamamahal

Naming **Mama Ely,**
Maraming salamat sa pag-aaruga at
pagmamahal na ibinigay mo sa amin.

Happy Mother's Day!!!
Ian, Iris, Ivy, Ivory

To Our Mama Carmen

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
WE LOVE YOU!**

Love,
Monicar, Kim & Mariel

**Mama Panching,
Thank U
for being
there for us.
We love U.**

Pat, Jay,
Rina & Tery

**Happy
Mother's
Day
We love you**

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**Dearest Lolali,
Happy
Mother's
Day
We Love You**

Djam, Joey,
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**Happy
Mother's
Day
We love you**

Annie & Mae-Mae

**You are such a wonderful
mother to us!!!
Thank you
very much
Happy Mother's
Day**

We Love You,
Mahar, Mara & Kano



Mama Ruby,
**Mahal na
mahal ka
namin.
Happy
Mother's Day**
Nagmamahal,
Michelle, Joy & Hesus

**Happy Mother's Day!
Tita Day**

We love you!
Your Nieces, Nephews and
Grandchildren in the Phils.

**Happy Mother's
Day!!!
Lola Lucing...
With love from,
Limwell &
Naty**

**To Mama Edga,
Happy Mother's
Day! Muah...
From,
Papa Jojie,
Maja & Janela**

Dear Mommy,
I Love
You
Very
Much.
**Happy
Mother's Day!**
Love,
RR and Daddy

Love,
RR and Daddy

**Happy
Mother's
Day
Mama Tess**
Sid, Yvan,
Daph & Yanne

To Mommy Luz
Pineda,
Okay lang po na lagi
kang makulit, love
namin kayo...

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Love,
Alvin & Cecil,
Bong, Anna &
Archie

**Happy Mother's
Day!!!**

Love,
Kevin,
Klarence &
Vince

**Happy
Mother's
Day
Mama Tess**
Sid, Yvan,
Daph & Yanne

Dear Mommy,
I Love
You
Very
Much.
**Happy
Mother's Day!**
Love,
RR and Daddy

Love,
RR and Daddy

Happy Mother's Day



To the mom who sermons us everyday from the time we wake up in the morning till we go to bed at night, it has truly been a privilege to be your sons.

Happy Mother's Day!

Love,
DonArnDen

To Mama,
I fear that someday time will keep us apart, but before it happens, I hope that you have felt even for a single chance that I have cared for you the best way I know how.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

I Love You,
Kenneth

To our Dear Mama Susan Castillo,
Through all these years, for always being there to us, for giving us the best in life and making us what we are now.

WE THANK YOU and LOVE YOU VERY MUCH...

Happy Mother's Day!!!

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THANKS
FOR
EVERYTHING,
MOM.

LOVE,
DINO

MA,

I may not say this often, but I love you. I'm rather rusty at showing it but I'm sure that you know that. We're going through a lot right now, and with God's help, we'll be okay -- you, me and my sister. All that matters is that we're together and happy. Take care always and happy birthday! Just pray... Love you!

Mumai

Nanay Lary,
Walang humpay na pasasalamat para sa isang ulirang ina...**Happy Mother's Day!**

Love,
Tintin

Dear MOM,

Words aren't enough for me to thank you for everything you've done.

You're one of the best.

Happy Mother's Day.

I Love You,
BERNICE

Life wouldn't be as wonderful without you, mommy. We appreciate the way you have brought us into the world... for giving the best for us and for making us what we are now.



We love you so much!

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Thanks for everything.

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BING

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Thank you for being the one constant in our lives. We love you with all our hearts and pray for your speedy recovery! Happy Mother's Day We Love You, Inday and Dodong

Dear Emy,
Happy Mother's Day!

With love,
PEPITO

Dear MAMA,

God has blessed me with such a wonderful mother.

I'm very grateful having you in my life.

Happy Mom's Day.

I Love You,
CHE-AN

Mommy Nene,

Happy Mother's Day to you.
I love you!

Love,
Rosemarie

Nanay,

Happy Mother's Day!

Thanks for your untiring love and care.

Love and prayers,

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Mama Rosie,

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Aileen,
Ambo
& Paolo

Mommy Dhel,

A nice Mommy like you deserves a big hug & a sweet kiss.

Happy Mother's Day

Pretty Mom.

Anton & Nonoy

Dearest Mother Lulu,
Thank you for all the love, understanding and patience you've showered all these years. May God bless you and guide you all the days of your life.

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Love, Atrium Branch

To Ate Alice, Ka Dory, Aia, Ka Bebe, Rhea, Shirla & Haniyell,

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God Bless you all.

Love,
Beth Andres

To: Ate Nene, Ate Metreng, Ate Jean, Ate Luz, Belle, Ann, Sharon

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!
God Bless you all.

Love,
Beth Andres

To my everdearest Nanay Elvie,

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Love,
Carol, Cathy & Cris Javier

To Lola Viring Pineda,

Thank you for giving me my Dad...
Happy Mothers' Day!

Love,
Anna

To Inang Cording Sta Ana,

Happy Mother's Day!!!

May the Lord always bless you with good health.

Love,
Beth Andres

Tita Jo,

We are glad to have you as our mom in Davao. Your warmth touches our hearts so much. We're glad to be one with your family.

We love you!

Hendrei, Harold, Hazel, Hershey

To Mama Marlyn,

U r very special gift 2 us & we love you.

Happy Mother's Day!

Always,
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Meg, Pam & Ikay

To Our Beloved
Mama Che che

Happy Mother's Day!

We Love You!

Love,
Bongga, Coy, Ryan, JR,
Camille, MaeMae & Berna

Dearest Mama,
I thanked God for giving me the best gift I could ever had, and that is having you as my Mom!

Happy Mother's Day!

I Love You!
Weng Diaz

I LUV U MAMA

Love,
MANNY, EMMAN
& MAE-MAE

Ate Joy,

We miss you in our family. We hope to spend some time with you soon.

Happy Mother's Day!

Love,
Mommy, Haze, Har, Her, Chris

Mommy,
We can never thank you enough for all that you've done for us. Neither words nor deeds can ever express how grateful we are.

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Happy Mothers' Day!!!

Love,
Carol Javier & Ann Pineda

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Hats off to moms like you!
I'm glad to be a part of you!

With love,
Tei-Tei

Lola Julie and Mommy,

Happy Mother's Day!

Mahal ko kayo, Migoy

Dear Mama Thess,
Happy Mother's Day!!!
May you be blessed with more love and happiness. We love and miss you so much.

Love,
Raziel, Zen & Alanis

Dear Nanay Cora,
Happy Mother's Day! You are so dear to us. Stay as 'pasensyosa' as you are. God Bless!

Love,
Cris, Rethur & kids

Dear Mommy Lel,
Happy Mother's Day! We love you and for us you are the greatest of them all...

Love,
CRIS, R-thur & kids

Happy Mother's Day!
To Mrs. Virginia D. Taniegra.
From: Alfred

Happy Mother's Day!
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From: Ethel G.

To Our Best Nanay Mrs. Esperanza A. Ganguango,
Thanks for everything!
We Love You!
From: All of Us

Dear Nay,
Thank you for all your love and support. I Love You. **Happy Mother's Day!**
RUBY

MA,
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!
CATÂ

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MAMA CARMEN!
With love from,
Limwell & April Joh

To Our Grandmas & Aunties,
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY...
Keep up the good work moms!
Chana Sunga & Amy Ramos

To Our Everdearest Nanay Medy Sunga
Thanks for everything!!!
Happy Mother's Day...
We Love you Nay Chana, Christopher & Christian

Mama,
Salamat sa walang humpay na pagmamahal at pag-aruga sa amin.
Maligayang Anaw ng mga Ina
From: Cathy, Carol, Chana & Charito

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Happy Mother's Day!!!
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Thanks for all the things that you've done for us. You are the most wonderful mother in the whole world. We love you.
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Happy Mother's Day!!! Take Care!!
From: Limwell & Naty

Mama!
Happy Mother's Day!!!
Love, Raffy, Ramcent, Yvette, Totot & Che-axe

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Happy Mother's Day
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Fish tocino brings money to island folks

By Roly Embile

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C AWAYAN, Masbate—The soaring popularity of the fish tocino and other seafood specialties from Southern Luzon has brought a windfall to the fisher folk of the Naro Island here.

The tiny speck of island at the tail of the Bicol Region, some 30 minutes' ride by pump boat off this southern municipality in the main island of Masbate, is home to some of the better tasting commercial fishes and other aquatic resources, especially the *baknit*.

The *baknit*, also known as the *soguksok* in Cebuano, is one of the most sought-after fish varieties by people who have developed the taste for fish tocino.

Rogelio Magbalon Jr., 28, a native of this town, says the Naro Island villagers of Ponta Batasan and Talisay were some of the first few people who have only recently found good use for the *baknit*, which other fishermen used to throw back into the sea once caught.

"This fish, which grows no bigger than a baby's palm, is so ugly and its leathery skin smells fishier than most fishes in the sea that it had never been considered as having any commercial value," Magbalon says in the unique Bicol dialect heavily spiked with Cebuano and Ilonggo.

He says it was only a few years ago when some Cebuano businessmen introduced fish tocino making in the island, making the *baknit* of Naro Island a much sought-after fish.

'Kargo' system

Today, over 70 families in Ponta

Batasan and Talisay villages are engaged full time in the thriving industry.

Two big makers of the fish tocino have direct outlets in Cebu City and other places in the Visayas.

Cebu-based investors currently employ the "kargo" system.

This means that the investors provide loans for the purchase of motorized outrigger boats, the nets and other provisions for catching the *baknit* and its processing into fish tocino.

Under this system, the investors, who also own the distribution outlets, have the sole right to purchase the whole produce at an agreed price after the appropriate deductions are made on the loan.

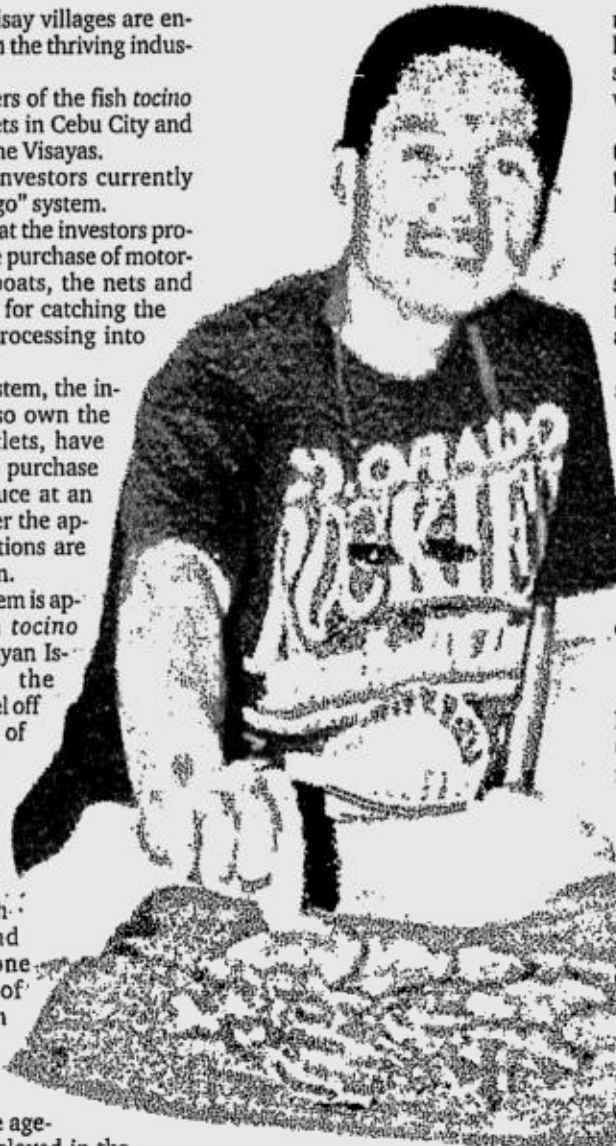
The same system is applied with fish tocino makers in Bantayan Island across the Jintotolo Channel off the northern tip of Cebu.

Secret formula

There are two types of fish tocino: the fish-meat tocino and the crispy bone tocino, both of which come from the same fish.

The tocino-making process involves the age-old formula employed in the making of the *daing* (dried fish).

First, the head and fins are re-



NARO Island's fish tocino is the best in the region.

moved from the fresh catch. The headless and fin-less body is then skinned, a task done mostly by women and children.

With a deft stroke of skilled hands, the worker then slices the *baknit* thinly, separating the bone from the flesh before it is washed in brine.

The washed fish is then marinated in monosodium glutamate (vetsin), sugar and vinegar. The exact marinating formula is a well kept secret among the makers of fish tocino.

A few hours after, the flesh is separately molded in round plastic containers about 5 inches in diameter and left under the sun for drying. In good weather, the sun drying takes two days.

The bones, which are arranged in clusters until they adhere together in thin strips, take a day to dry. Finally, they are packed in one-kilo plastic packs.

Price

The bone fish tocino, priced at P220 per kilo, and its boneless counterpart, P370 per kilo, are sold in markets in Cebu, Leyte and the rest of the southern provinces.

The product has also made its way into some Luzon provinces and Metro Manila by way of the *pasalubong* outlets in Cebu City.

Magbalon attests to the unique quality and taste of the fish tocino from the Naro Island by making potential customers, including this writer, test-taste it.

"It is truly a nice gift even for friends abroad. My customers in Leyte eagerly await its ar-

rival," Magbalon, a mechanical engineering graduate who left his construction job to concentrate on his fish dealership business, says in Filipino.

He adds that the fish tocino has easily become the more healthful and less-fattening alternative to its pork counterpart in places where the former is regularly sold.

"In the Visayas and some other regions where I sold the fish tocino, although costlier than its meat variation, it is the preferred *pulutan* to beer and other alcoholic drinks," he says, adding that it also goes well with rice.

It is invariably deep-fried in cooking oil until golden brown. Cooking takes but a few seconds.

"It's a pity that the supply (of fish tocino) cannot meet the rising demand that's why this product is yet to find its way into restaurants and fast-food outlets in Manila," said Magbalon.

Tough competition

Long before the fish tocino, Naro Island's claim to fame is its traditional boneless *danggit*, squid and a variety of *daing*.

The *ketong*, *lagaw*, *lapu-lapu* and *mol-mol* are some of the varieties of dried fish, which are enjoying high demand in markets nationwide.

Magbalon says these fish varieties found off Naro Island in the Jintotolo Channel, although widely found also in most parts of the Philippine archipelago, are curiously unique.

"I think the shallow and sandy-bottomed seas off the islands of Naro in southern Masbate and Bantayan in northern Cebu has produced the *lusayon*, a plankton that has made

our fish and squid, which feed on them, uniquely sweeter and more tender, especially when dried," he explains.

As a veteran fish dealer, Magbalon says dried fish and squid coming from these places, although priced much higher (from P400 to P450 per kilo), generally outsell those coming from the deeper seas of Palawan, Iloilo, or Bohol which are sold for an average of P250 per kilo.

"Despite the big price difference, my customers have always expressed preference for our fish, whether in the *tabuan* (public) markets, or the upscale stalls of SM and Gaisano in Cebu City," he says.

Bright future

Magbalon believes that, given enough protection against dynamite fishing and illegal poaching by trawl fishers, this windfall will continue at least his lifetime.

The rich fishing bounty in Naro Island and the rest of the southwestern part of Masbate has made Cawayan town truly a progressive place.

Among the long-term plans of the Masbate provincial government for the community is the establishment of fish sanctuaries and opening the area to sustainable eco-tourism.

Jose Lalo Zafra, provincial tourism officer, tells the *Inquirer* that the southwestern part of the main Masbate Island is best for wind surfing and other marine sports.

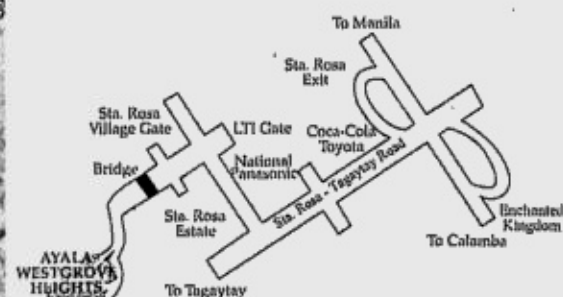
Zafra adds that given the right direction and management, eco-tourism will not only augment the income of the people in the locality but also ensure the protection of its environment.

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Mother Courage

By Cathy Babao-Guballa
Photos from The Rico Yan Commemorative Magazine and Jim Guiao Punzalan

SITA Yan is a woman of admirable courage and faith, and the late Rico shared a unique and extraordinary relationship with her.

"Our conversations were deep and profound," she begins one morning at the offices of the Rico Yan Youth Foundation (RYYF) in Ortigas. "We would often talk about what his mission in life would be. Maybe because I was his mother, I knew his heart, could feel his pain. Sometimes we would talk for five hours straight when his schedule would permit it."

Not many mothers are as blessed as she to have had such a close bond with her sons.

Forty days after his passing, Sita is busy as president of RYF, which aims to help in the formation of young people who will grow up with Godly values and walk in excellence and integrity, much like the life of the young man whose early passing gave birth to the foundation.

In the office that day is eldest daughter Geraldine, who is also busy attending to visitors. In the midst of their grief, the two Yan women have somehow found a meaning and a purpose in Rico's loss. A grief made public is even more complicated than one where the bereaved mourn in private. Yet, in the middle of all the media and public attention, Sita mourns with such admirable dignity and grace and finds the peace that passes all understanding.

"Our family life has had a lot of ups and downs. It was far from perfect. I became a Christian back in 1984 and I realized how the Lord saw me through all those trials. I saw how He could just turn it around. My faith in the Lord has just been so strong and I have experienced first-hand how God turned around



RICO with mom Sita, on his birthday, March 14

things for me. My faith in Him has just been so strong. I know the Lord really prepared me for this loss through all the events in my life," she says, in trying to explain the dignity and grace she and her family have shown to the public.

"Someone sent me this text message this morning - 'Experiencing the will of the Almighty is like finding the eye of the hurricane. The storm may swirl around you but in that center, there is perfect peace.' That was exactly what happened to me. Because the Lord has already seen me through so many things in the past I know that this is another thing that He will see me through," she says.

No question

The death of a loved one, more so the death of a child, usually results in the shattering or strengthening of one's faith. But in Sita's case there was never a question of why it had to happen to Rico.

"It did not occur to me at all to question," she says. "But I would ask Him - show me why, Lord. I am not somebody who prays a lot publicly, but there was never a time when I questioned His will. I only asked Him, 'Tell me, Lord.' But never why."

Sita and her family are Born-again Christians and she attributes the family's strength to a strong faith in God. The Catholic service was in deference to Rico's close friendship with Fr. Tito Caluag.

"Roby and I are thankful about the manner by which God called Rico home - nothing violent, he just went quietly into the night."

At the funeral mass, Sita Yan again felt the peace that would carry her through the valley of her grief.

"We were totally unprepared to give a response. We were not told ahead of time that we had to and I am not one who will go up the stage and talk, but when Father delivered his

Rico Yan's death has led to his mom's coming of age

homily, *naku, tinamaan ako nun*. I cried. Then the "Tanging Yaman" song came and I was still crying, but toward the end of the song there was suddenly peace and then when I heard that the family had to make a response, it was like someone suddenly pushed me. I really didn't know what to say, only what I was feeling that time. That was really God. That's why I didn't break down when I gave the response. He gave me the words, gave me the strength."

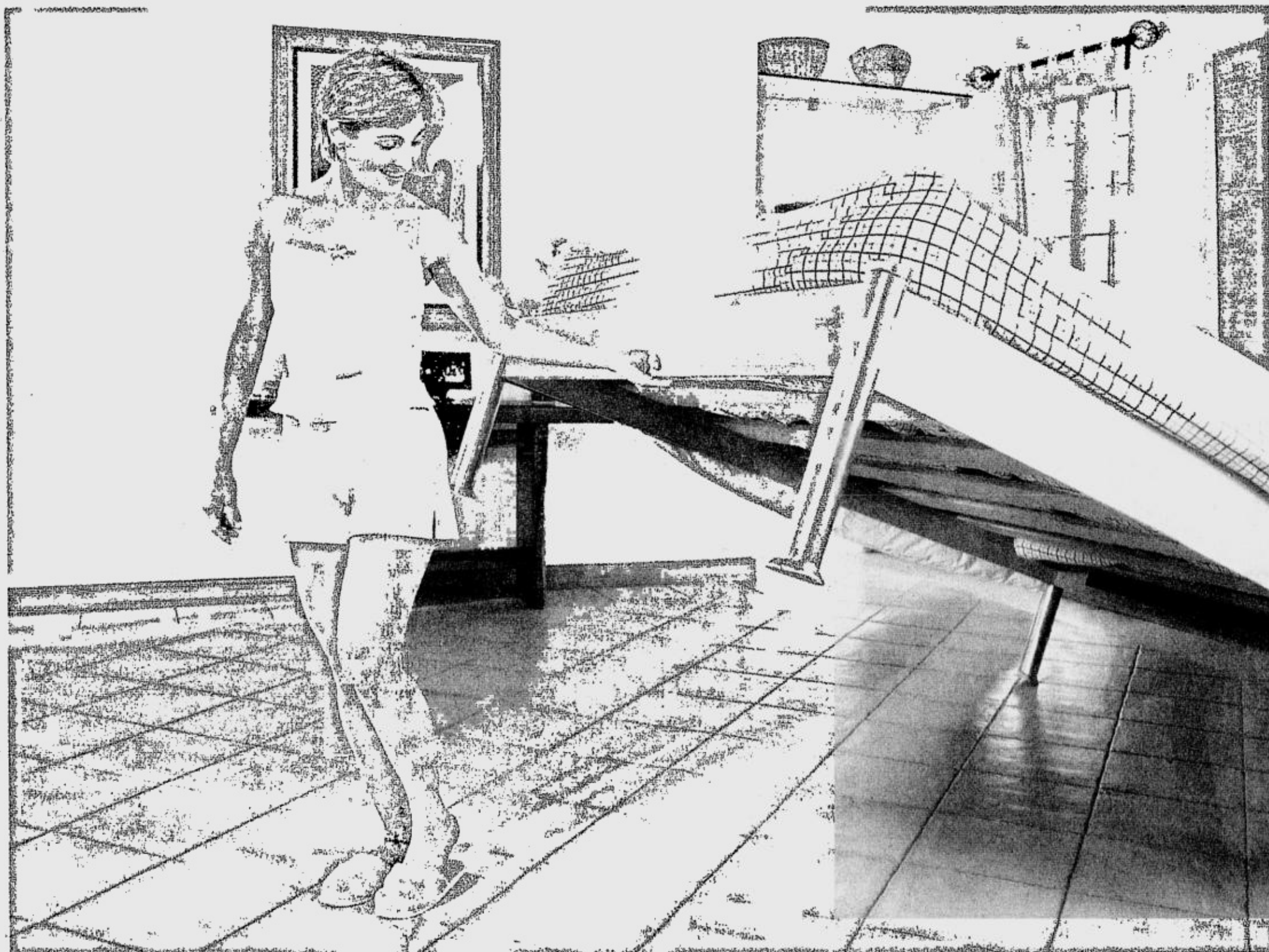
Sita continues to be overwhelmed by the way people turned out for Rico's wake and funeral.

"I was not prepared for the response of the people. I knew he was popular, but the way the people turned out... up to now I don't understand. This morning I was talking to some

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"Aren't my erection problems just all in my mind?"

Once thought to be primarily "all in your mind", ED or Erectile Dysfunction is now understood to be usually caused by physical factors. To understand ED, it's important to first understand how an erection happens. Erections result from increasing blood flow to the penis. When a man is sexually aroused, the arteries in the penis relax and widen, allowing more blood to flow into the penis. As the penis expands and hardens, veins that normally carry blood away from the penis become compressed. This restricts how much blood can flow out of the penis. With more blood flowing in and less flowing out, the penis enlarges, resulting in an erection.

If the nerves and the blood vessels associated with this process aren't working properly such as in many chronic illnesses, an erection may not be possible.

"My friend had an emotional problem and he complained that he couldn't have an erection."

Emotional problems can play a major role in being able to get and keep an erection. One of the reasons most often mentioned as causing ED is stress. Few people today are totally free of stress or worry. Because stress lowers the levels of important male body chemicals, a man might not want to have sex as often and there might be a drop in the ability to perform when he does try. Other issues that may cause erection difficulties are: depression, being in a new relationship, shyness, worry, etc.

Important to Remember:

At all ages, your desire to have sex, and your ability to get and keep an erection is affected by:

- Your overall health and presence of illnesses
- What happens in your social life
- How happy or positive you are about life in general
- What sort of attitude you have to problems not related to sex
- Your lifestyle

Do you have this problem?

Having a problem getting or keeping an erection is a big deal for a man. You might still feel like you want to have sex but you can't because you have erection difficulties.

Men don't often know why their sex lives have started to be a problem and they can feel sad, frustrated or maybe even angry. In a relationship, erection problems like this can lead to other problems like arguments, blame, loneliness or sadness.

Some men hide their difficulties from their partners. Unfortunately, this doesn't solve the problem or make it go away. Sometimes it creates more problems. Your partner may feel unloved or unwanted. Not being able to have sex can greatly affect both your life and your partner's.

"What can I do? Is there hope?"

YES! If you are experiencing a problem having sex -- getting an erection or keeping one - there is help available. You'll be glad to know that ED is treatable. Immediately see your doctor. Talk to him/her about the problems you are experiencing that may be directly related to ED. He or she will know what to do. You will definitely know a lot more, understand what's happening to you and feel a lot better after.

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SITA with husband Robby

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one. Her 62-year-old husband, much accomplished, told her that he, too, was affected by Rico's death. I asked, how? She said her husband told her "You know, Rico affected me. I just saw that he could smile through his problems and that really struck him. So now, I've learned to smile more in spite of all the problems." Little things like that, stories like those strengthen me," Sita says with a sigh.

"There are days when I'm okay and there are days when I feel really sad. On those days, I go to the cemetery because, anyway, there's not much that I can do. But then, there are days when the sadness will lift and I'm all right."

Possessions

Rico's personal possessions are among the things that Sita cannot yet face, and it will probably take a while before she can. "I've only been to his room twice -- once with Fr. Caluag and once with my daughter Tina. Everything's still there in its proper place."

Neither has she read the articles in a special Rico Yan commemorative magazine put together by the foundation and Rico's friends. "I still can't. Hindi ko pa kaya."

The foundation, though, has given the Yan family, especially Sita, a means for moving on and coping with their great loss. Their days are now filled with planning the programs of the foundation and meeting people from various sectors who wish to help.

"The landscape of our life has changed totally. Especially for me, and even for my daughter Geraldine. There are so many people who come and see us, talk to us about many things, 90 percent of them positive, so when we get together, we compare notes, talk about things."

Sita says the family seems to take turns having their "off" days. "The children and I talk on a daily basis. I ask Geraldine -- 'How are you this morning?' And she'll say, 'I'm okay.' Then there are the days when she'll say, 'I'm missing Rico.' And alam na namin yun. We know how to support one another."

The RYF has, indeed, been blessed and Sita shares some of the big blessings that has come its way: a donation of a five-hectare property in Tanay, Rizal; free office space rental for six months; and even free rental of the ULTRA for the RYF launch.

"That's what makes me cry now. When I see God's hand and wisdom. If I believe that it was God's plan that Rico come home, then the foundation is also a part of His plan: So we will have to allow Him to work through the foundation."

"Sometimes when I think of my life, oh my gosh, a few months back I was just a housewife going to the grocery, taking care of my two-year-old granddaughter, a really mundane existence. Then, all of a sudden, here you are thrust into this responsibility. Where is this foundation going, what is its focus? Sometimes I will just sit there and someone will call to give me the focus and the perspective so I just allow things to fall into place. It's really God who puts it all together. During meetings, I usually just observe and take everything in and absorb it. I'm supposed to be the president, but I just listen to everybody talking, then (you can) digest (it) and the wisdom will come from above. That's how I operate. Hindi ka pa mai-stress because the wisdom comes from above," she says.

Missing him

The Yans continue to miss Rico, more so his mother with whom he shared a special unspoken bond. The human longing of parent for child rises to the surface and there is sadness.

"What a high cost to pay, but you have to think that this is God's plan. Sometimes we think we would rather have Rico back than have all of this, but then you know that's an impossibility, so you just allow God to use your pain for His purpose and His glory."

"I grieve more for the physical loss. I am just so thankful that everything emotional between Rico and myself was fixed. He knew that I loved him. I always gave him advice. The family would hold meetings in the past when we thought that things were not quite right, and we would tell him what we thought, but Rico always had his own mind."

"There was a time when we did not speak to each other for two months because I was so upset at something that he did, but eventually we



SITA Yan

ironed that out. We're like that as a family, we like to talk things through.

"This time, though, when this controversy came out I told him that we would support him and love him regardless of what happens. I really made him feel that we loved him. He was very worried about us; he would constantly ask if we were okay. I assured him that we were. When he called the day before he died, we had a good talk again, and the last words he told me were 'I love you, mom,' which I found unusual because usually he'd only say, 'Love you, ma,' or 'Love you,' but never complete like that," Sita says.

Unfinished business usually complicates the grief process, but with Sita, mercifully, there was none. However, there remains a tinge of regret over a past wound that she wishes had not taken place.

"I'm really grateful that there were no words left unsaid between us," she says. "Everything that needed to be settled was settled. If ever there was one thing that I would have done differently, I would have wanted the separation between his dad and myself not to have happened, because I saw how deeply that hurt him and how it affected him so much. The wound that he kept referring to Fr. Caluag, that was it, the four-year separation really hurt him. But then, sometimes I think, if he had not gone through that kind of pain, would he have had the great compassion that he had for others?"

Rico's last days were fraught with intrigues, and Sita knew that the pain of the controversy weighed heavily on his heart. However, in spite of all the speculation, she remains magnanimous.

"I'm the mom and I would feel it. I knew it was so heavy for him and that he was just trying to smile through it all. Maybe the wisdom of God... that He could see His child really suffering. We don't know what was going on in Rico's heart. Rico was very sensitive about protecting the family and the family name. The negative stories really affected him. Maybe that's why God called him home."

"There is no unforgiveness in my heart. At least for me, personally, though Bobby and Geraldine were really hurt. So long as they do not malign my son I just let them be. Maybe they are doing the things that they are doing because it's something that they themselves have to do. Perhaps it's their way of coping as well. So, I just allow them to go through that, but there is no unforgiveness," Sita emphasizes.

There are many lessons to be learned upon losing a loved one, and oftentimes everything that was vague or hazy before comes clearly into focus. For Sita, Rico's loss has only strengthened the values that she holds dear.

"His death only reinforces what I've believed in all along—that there are more basic things that are important in life," she says. "Treasure relationships and try to keep them regardless of what. Rico's loss really placed everything into the proper perspective."

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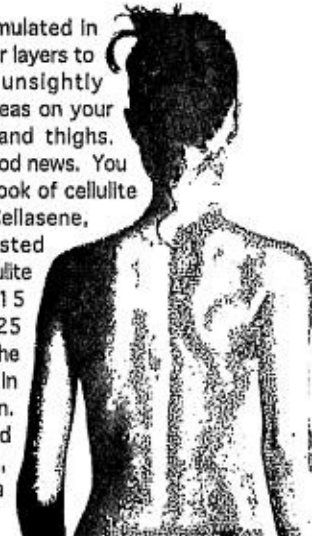
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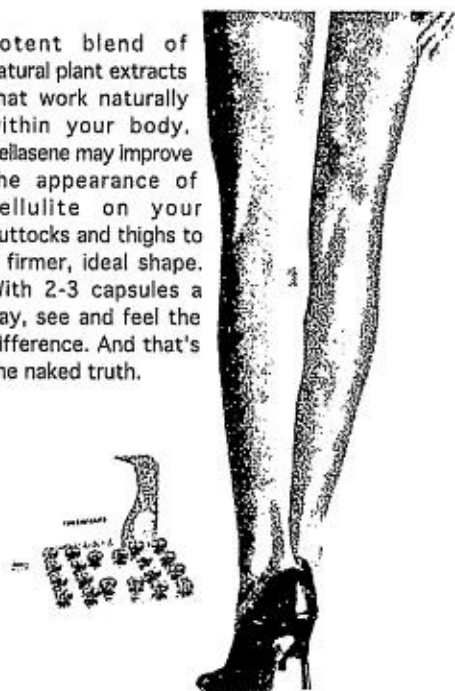
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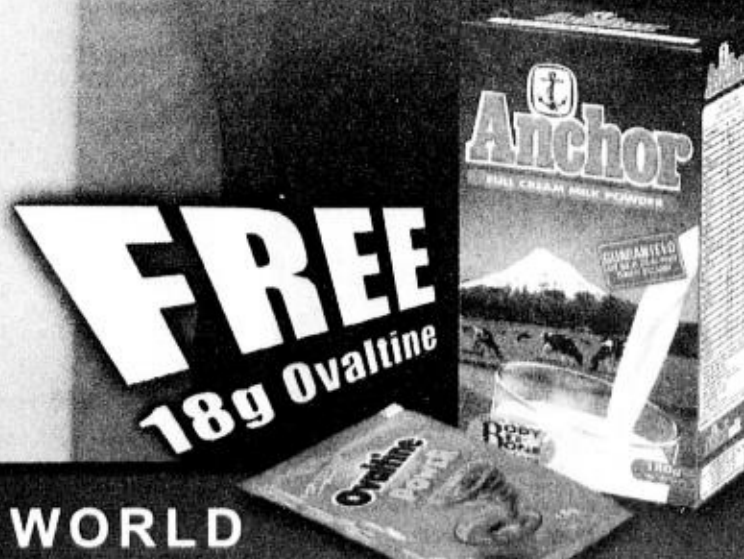
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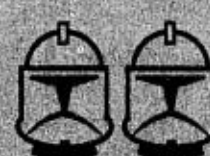


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* MY husband and I agreed early on that we could not both be too busy for our children. For many years his job entailed a lot of traveling, and so I took on only work that would not take me away from home too much. As my children grew older, I made it a point to be around not only to celebrate their special moments and to rejoice over their little victories, but also to be present and available even on humdrum days; even more important, to be there to cushion the pain, as when a beloved dog had to be put to sleep, or merely to listen to unresolved questions during a crisis of faith. Some experts call it quality time; to me it has always been simply time.

* I introduced my two sons to "The Little Prince" when they were toddlers. It quickly became a great favorite with them. That little book helped me to teach them about the things that truly matter in life: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye." My sons learned to look beyond what a person has or doesn't have, so that they can see what that person truly is. They grew up feeling neither awed nor intimidated by fame or power or wealth. They're living their own lives now, but the spirit of the Little Prince remains with them. They have no use for the trivial, the flashy, the non-essential. They know that good manners are rooted in other-centeredness, and that fine breeding manifests itself not in artifice and gloss but in a genuinely caring heart.—**Lorna Tirol, writer**

* When they're small and in a lot of trouble, stop wishing that they hurry and grow up. They do it all too quickly, and then you're sorry you didn't enjoy it more. When they're all grown up and a lot of trouble, remember what they were like when they were small, and you'll forgive them anything.—**Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, writer, UP Press director**

* I have learned to cut down on unnecessary socials to create that "sacred" time for the children every evening. Once I am at home, I make it a rule to stay off the telephone. I focus on the children. We check homework, read, chat, watch their impromptu programs, etc. Then it's prayer time and tuck-in time. The routine is what they will remember for the rest of their lives.

During the weekend I have a one-on-one lunch or merienda with each of the kids so we can just shoot the breeze. They talk about anything they want and I listen. While they are talking, the cell phone stays shut. It is also an opportunity for me to teach them good manners, appropriate behavior, value formation, etc.

Leave them short "Love You" notes once in a while. They love seeing it stuck on their pillows, desks, or bags. The cutest part is when they start leaving you these notes as well.—**Margarita Delgado, co-founder, Sa Aldat Sisikat**

* Here's my tip for mothers with grown-up children like me: Use your time together in the car while driving through traffic to talk about any topic under the sun. You will learn from your children while they benefit from

Giving books to your kids or cutting down on your partying just to be with them, or sticking short 'Love You' notes in their bags and pillows may prove to be the crucial point in their formative years. Here we share with our readers the best practices of some mothers who claim to be no experts but are so very real

Best mom-to-mom tips



your wisdom. You will find out more about each other. More important, you will learn how your children think, which will help you later in dealing with them.—**Chit Arce, VP corporate affairs, GMA Network**

* Watch what your child watches. My daughter loves to watch videos and she would have a "video of the week" which she will watch 3-5 times a day for a week. Since I need to unwind after a long day, I watch with her and talk to her about the movie ("Cinderella," "Little Mermaid," "Robin Hood" (the classic), "Oliver!" (the musical), "Joseph and his Technicolor Dream Coat" (the Donnie Osmond play). Since we're all concerned about what they watch, this way we can choose what's good for them and at the same time, let them appreciate other entertaining things to watch aside from Powerpuff girls and other cartoon network shows (which I personally think can be very violent).

Do what your child wants to do. My daughter Bea loves to color. I let her use her Aunt Nina's old coloring books and crayons, which still work and you don't get stressed worrying if she breaks the crayon. If she runs out of coloring books, there's always the comics section of the newspaper. Whenever she colors, she always invites me to color with her and I often oblige; it becomes therapeutic eventually! If I'm really tired, I tell Bea I can only color two pages. And that's enough to make her happy and enough for me to say I've done something with her.

Read bedtime stories. Since you'll be doing the reading, and if you're always tired, get a small, brightly colored short book to read. When the story ends, that's when you end. So you can really say, "I read a whole book to her!"—**Dr. Lara Aleta**

* Make time. Allow at least a whole morning or afternoon for a weekly mother-daughter date. If you can't manage it, then have at least a monthly date with your daughter where she plans the activities for the morning or afternoon. Do what she wants to do, eat where she wants to eat. Ideally it should end with lunch or dinner out so that you will have time to talk about what's new in her life, what her joys and anxieties are, etc.

If you have a younger daughter (ages 5-8), instead of buying her a toy or a piece of clothing, give her a weekly book allowance. Every Friday, take her to the bookstore and give her a specific amount for her to pick out a book of her choice. You can help her in the selection process by suggesting titles from your childhood. It will be a chance for you to see what girls her age are reading nowadays.—**Cathy Babao Guballa, Lifestyle writer**

* For a busy working mom like me, when-

ever I do errands like doing the grocery or buying things for the house, I bring my daughter or both my kids with me. Where work is concerned, such as when I do my rounds of store visits, I bring my kids along if their schedule of activities permits it. It helps me achieve two things: one, I get to spend time with them, two, I am able to hopefully expose them to a fun and educational experience. According to many parenting books, bringing your kids out of the house is beneficial to their stimulation.—**Sheree Gotuaco, VP, Ensembles and Freeway**

* Being a good mother does not mean that you have to be with your child every hour of the day. Have you heard of the expression "absence makes the heart go fonder"? That is also, true in the case of being a mother. We do not get to see or appreciate what we have until we spend time apart from our love ones. This is not to suggest that you deliberately spend a lot of time away from your child, but rather to see to it that you also spend time alone for yourself doing things that are not at all related to your child. You'd be surprised that when you return you became an even better mother or person for that matter.—**Mel Alog, lawyer**

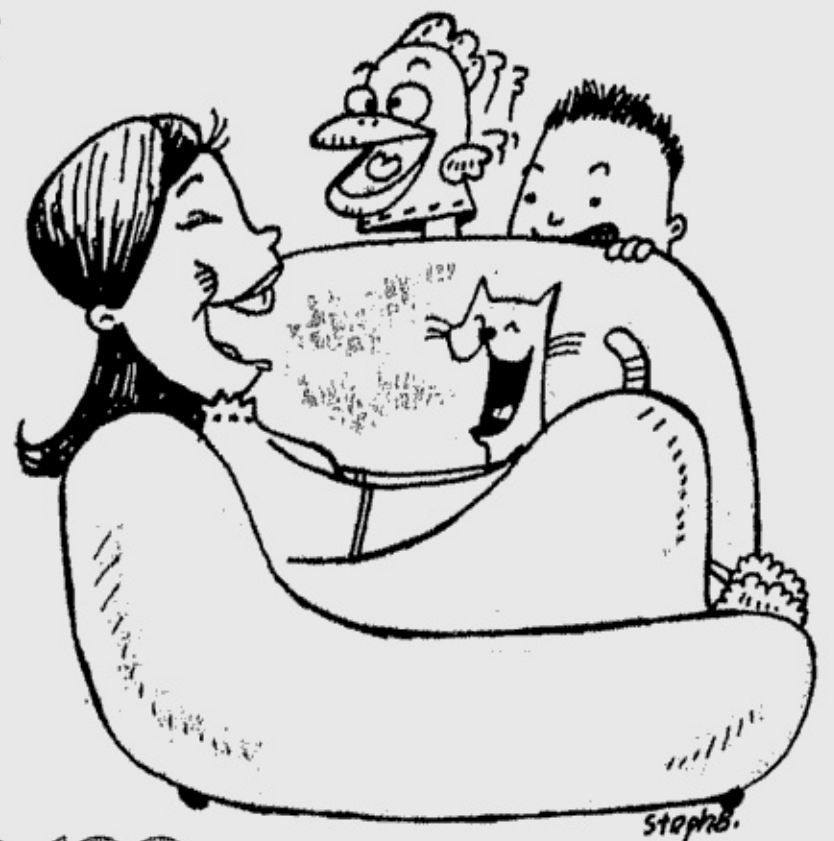
* Discover planet Earth together. Travel is the best teacher. No such thing as too young to travel. Showing them the world is great for bonding, too. This does not always mean going to faraway places. It could be a day trip to a neighboring town for a picnic (La Mesa Dam, Parks and Wildlife), discovery of old churches (Laguna de Bay coastal towns) or a dip in hidden waterfalls or mountain springs (Tanay).

Each day, kiss your kids goodbye because you never know when you'll see them again.

Be a role model. This is important especially when you want to inculcate the right values, when you dare them to be different, when you want them to test their limits. This means not just words of wisdom but setting a good example.—**Jingjing Romero, president, Stratos**

* If you are a new mom or an expectant mom, the first best thing you can do is to breastfeed your baby. Not only will your child gain the numerous health benefits of breastfeeding, this act of selflessness (because breastfeeding can be so physically draining for the mom) also gives you the chance to bond and spend quality time with your baby, allowing you and your child to set your relationship up to a good start. This is a money-saving practice, too!—**Joanna G. Aleta, Algar Information Systems**

* Never underestimate the mental and emotional capacity of children. They are more capable than we think they are. At a very early stage in their lives, my husband and I started explaining a lot of things to our



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children.

We explained that we cannot buy everything and anything they want. This probably is the reason our children have never thrown any tantrums in the mall. We explained that good education is very important and this is why our kids don't complain about the "no TV during weekdays + Sunday" rule during schooldays. We explained that it is okay to occasionally feel anger toward each other due to misunderstandings or unacceptable behavior. And this is the reason at the end of the day, we know that we still love each other despite the arguments and squabbles.

I believe in the magic of touch therapy. It always works with my three kids whether they are sick, sad, tired or just plain nagalambing. My husband says I "pamper" them because I always give in to their request for a massage. There are days when all three of them (ages 12, 10 and 3) take turns getting a body rub from me. And why should I not indulge them? I will gladly grab every opportunity to express, in whatever way, my love for them especially because I am a working mother who

gets consumed by guilt at times for being inadequately present in their day-to-day lives.—**Gina Go, VP, Bauang Private Power Corp.**

* Find a way to have quiet moments with your child each day, even for just an hour, or a few minutes; just reading, or listening to music. This may not be easy for full-time working mothers, but try your best to snatch "quality" time here and there anyhow. You'd be surprised how effective those calming periods are in today's fast-paced lifestyle.—**Norma Baluyot, Barbra Joy's mom**

* Be nice and listen to your children. Respect them. Remember they will be the ones who will take care of you when you get older.—**Elsa Vita Buck, engineer**

* I try not to put any distance between me and my daughter - I try to be open and honest with her and act not only as her mom but also her best friend. We share stories and memories, jokes and fun happenings and when it comes to the more serious stuff (associated with growing up), we discuss the issues in a firm and gentle manner. I do not only shower her with love and affection but also treat her with respect. I guess that if you deal with your child in a mature, sensible manner, she or he will respond the same way.—**Sonora Ocampo, journalist**

* The best thing I imparted to my children is love of God. Somehow they and I know that God will not forsake them nor leave them.—**May Garcia, international student affairs coordinator**



Special day with Mom at the mall

SPECIAL privileges and treats await your Moms when you celebrate Mother's Day with her and the whole family this weekend at Festival Supermall, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang.

Capture that special moment with the "Picture Perfect with Mom" promo until today at 3/L Chef's Avenue. Every food purchase worth P1,000 (single receipt) at any restaurant at Chef's Avenue entitles you to a souvenir photo at the designated photo shoot booth.

You can't miss bringing her to a one-of-a-kind fashion show dedicated to Moms dubbed "Mom on the Ramp" on May 11, 1/L Filinvest Toll Wing. Witness what modern-day mothers

are made of as sophisticated Moms walk down the ramp in their RTW ensemble.

If you're a student, you can get a 10-percent discount on food and drinks, plus a free gift, when you treat her to a special lunch or dinner at Kusina ni Maria, Cravings Café, Kukuya, Bravo, Pho Bac, Padi's Point, La Tienda, Four Corners Ristorante and Pancake House. Just present a valid school ID to avail of "It's my treat, Mom!" promotion today.

Meanwhile, every P100 food purchase at the outlets of Festival Supermall's food court, Food Junction today, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., will entitle you to play the Pachinko and win prizes for her.

And why not create your own gift for Mom? Kids@Art offers a special Mother's Day session at Pizie Forest, 3/L, where you can make your own giant paper flowers for your Mom. Free admission.

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Mothers are in for a spectacular treat at the SM Megamall today. It's a merry mix of music, fashion and magic. Aside from the interactive booths on site from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., enjoy a sweet serenade of live acoustic music from 2-5 p.m. Watch out for live mannequins as they present the season's fashion collection. All these treats for mom and great tricks for the kids, too, with an exciting magician show at 5:45 p.m.

FR's culminating activity for its Duyan Awards contest kicks off at 5:15 p.m. with the presentation of candidates competing for FR's Mom of the Year title. Nominees will also get a chance to win special prizes from Star TV's Star Mom Award and Healthy Glowing Skin Mom Award from Vaseline Lotion.

FR's "Mother's Day at the Mall" is co-presented by Earth + Style Corp., The Insular Life Assurance Co. Ltd., Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion and the SM Supermalls. Other sponsors include Graco, Hallmark, Wilkins, the Mommy Academy, 96.3 WRock, 105.1 Cross-over, Joey 92.3 Rhythms, ivegotstyle.net, Bratz and Tria. Call 631-2859, 633-4785.

Daughter's tribute to Mom becomes international holiday

WHEN Anna Jarvis of Webster, Virginia marked the second anniversary of her mother's death on the second Sunday of May 1908, she came up with the idea to establish a day to honor mothers everywhere. The observance of Mother's Day became official in 1914 and is now celebrated every second Sunday of May.

The day is celebrated differently across the globe. In Mexico, it is marked on May 10 if the date falls on a weekday. Mothers take a day off from work and children stay home from school so they can celebrate together.

In Spain and Portugal, Mother's Day is observed on Dec. 8, also the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mothers are honored along with the Virgin Mary.

Indians celebrate Mother's Day with a 10-day festival in October called Durga Puja. It honors Durga, the Divine Mother and the most significant goddess in the Hindu faith.

In the Philippines, Mother's Day is also marked on the second Sunday of May. There are countless ways Filipinos celebrate the special day like serving Mom breakfast in bed, taking her out for lunch or dinner, etc.

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MOTHER'S DAY MAKEOVER

Getting even with Mom

The hardest
working mom
in the world
needs a reprieve.
Lifestyle treats
4 moms to a
much-needed
pampering

By Cathy Babao Guballa
and Rowena Burgos
Photos by Chito Vecina

MOTHERS come in all shapes and sizes. They may be young or not so young. A myriad of responsibilities keeps them on the go day and night. The moment one becomes a mother, one's life becomes forever changed. Mothering, whether in single blessedness or marital bliss, is a 24-hour job that is exhausting yet rewarding. Mothering never stops. A mother constantly cares for others—her children, her husband, her household. More often than not, she has a career to boot. And of course there are favorite charities that call on her, too.

But who takes care of the

mothers?

We do. As a tribute to them, Lifestyle chose four working mothers who lead harried lives, and treated them to a makeover at FIX Bench Salon in Glorietta 4. We dressed and dolled them up in clothes by Bobby Novenario's Suitsables and HerBench.

All four moms agreed that it was great to be pampered once in a while, and eagerly await the next chance to be treated royally. Turn to pp. D4 and D10 and share in their moments of fashion awakening.

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WILLY Baquiran puts the finishing touches on Nitz del Rosario.



PAOLO Olandez (left) puts makeup on Mina Gara while Elpie Bata highlights the hair of Celine La Viña.

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(Carousel Court)
May 18-19

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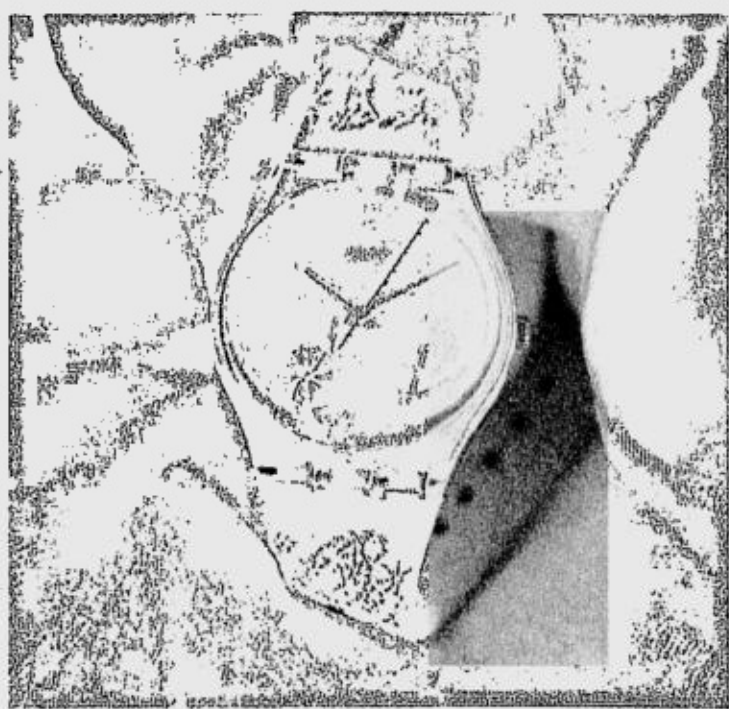
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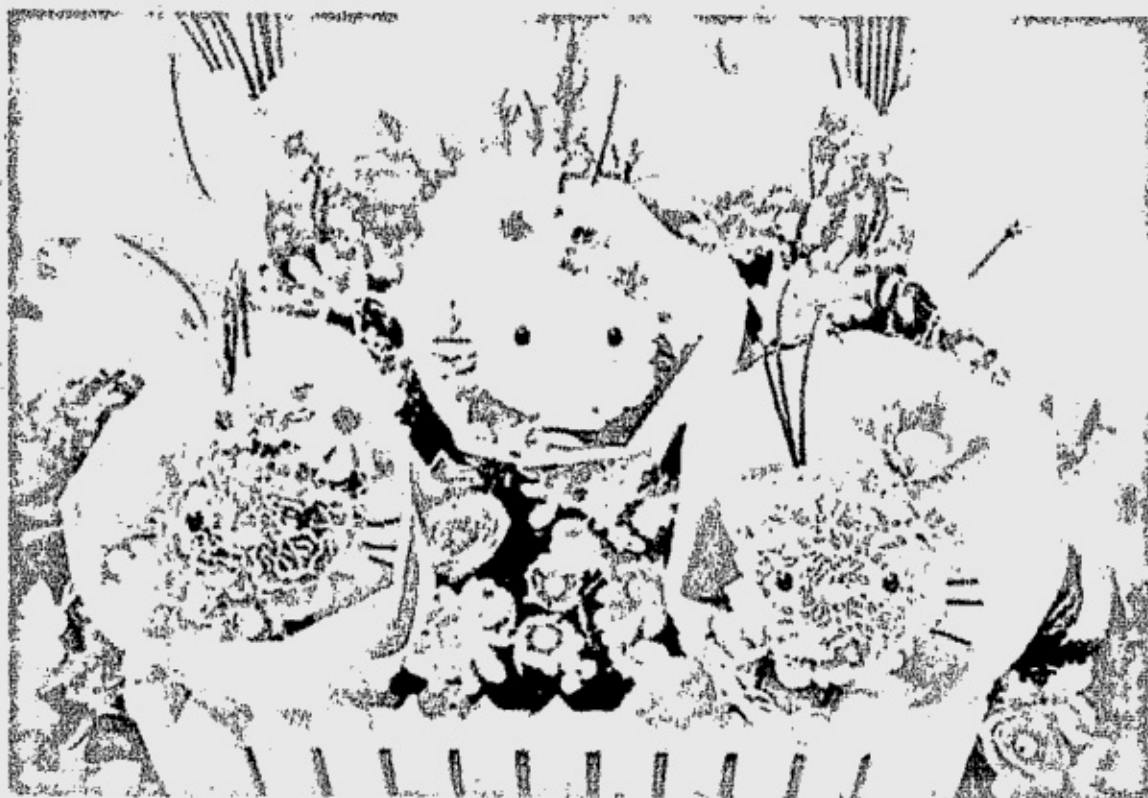
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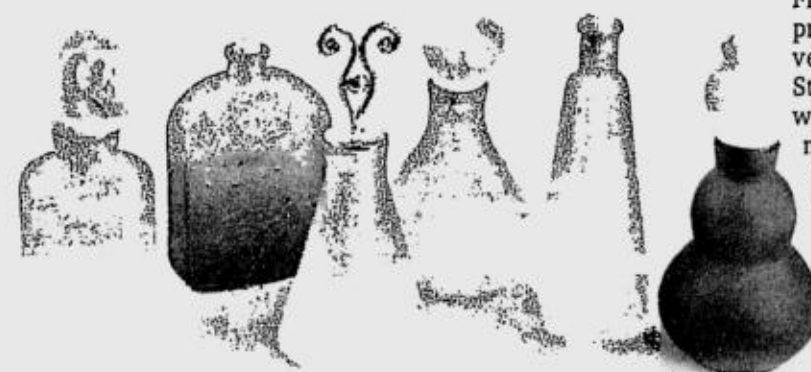


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OLANDEZ used Hip by HerBench for Celine's lips, Brick for her cheeks and Pistachio and green eyeshadow by Shu Uemura.

LADY in red wraparound and black pants by HerBench is ready for a dressy date. Her black leather bag is from HerBench; shoes by Coly.



CELINE pre-FIX

CELINE SALCEDO-LA VIÑA

Celine is a thirtysomething mother of a 6-month-old and a 3-year-old. A lawyer, she has opted to slow down in order to attend to the needs of her children. Blessed with long, naturally straight hair and a fair complexion, her beauty basics include shower, sunblock, powder and lipstick. "For day-to-day wear I prefer a blouse or shirt over slacks, but if I have meetings then the top changes to a blazer and shirt," she says. Partial to black, white, yellow and red, because of her very fair skin, she is able to carry most colors.

Because Celine's look needed only a slight change, Paolo Olandez chose to do some soft layering on her hair "to soften her features." Dark blonde mahogany with copper reflects as highlights were added to make her skin glow more. For her eyes, he used Pistachio by Herbench coupled with green eyeshadow by Shu Uemura. On her cheeks, he used Brick and for her lips, Hip by Herbench.



KNIT top teams up with wear-everywhere denim skirt from HerBench; Confetti leather bag; double-stitched mules from Coly.

Getting even with Mom

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PEACH flavor for Sandy's chifon blouse by Bobby Novenario mixes well with black pants; shoes and bag by Confetti.

Real-life working mothers Nitz del Rosario, Sandy Diez, Celine Salcedo-La Viña and Mina Gara take time out for a fun makeover



BEFORE



AFTER

SANDY DIEZ

Sandy Diez is a single, working mom constantly on the go. She travels around the country a lot because of her work as associate travel editor of Malaya. Mom to a 15-year-old girl, her beauty routine is no-fuss. "I just shower, I don't even blow-dry," says Sandy. "My hair has a life of its own. Mousse or molding mud gets me through the day." When she goes out, which is rarely, she usually puts on face powder and lipgloss.

Willy Baquiran trimmed Sandy's hair for more volume and placed light blonde and light copper highlights. Owing to her on-the-go lifestyle, he decided to give her a natural look by using subdued browns on her eyes and Shu Uemura blush in Brick for her cheeks. For her lips, Baquiran used Sandy's own lipstick—All Heart by Clinique.

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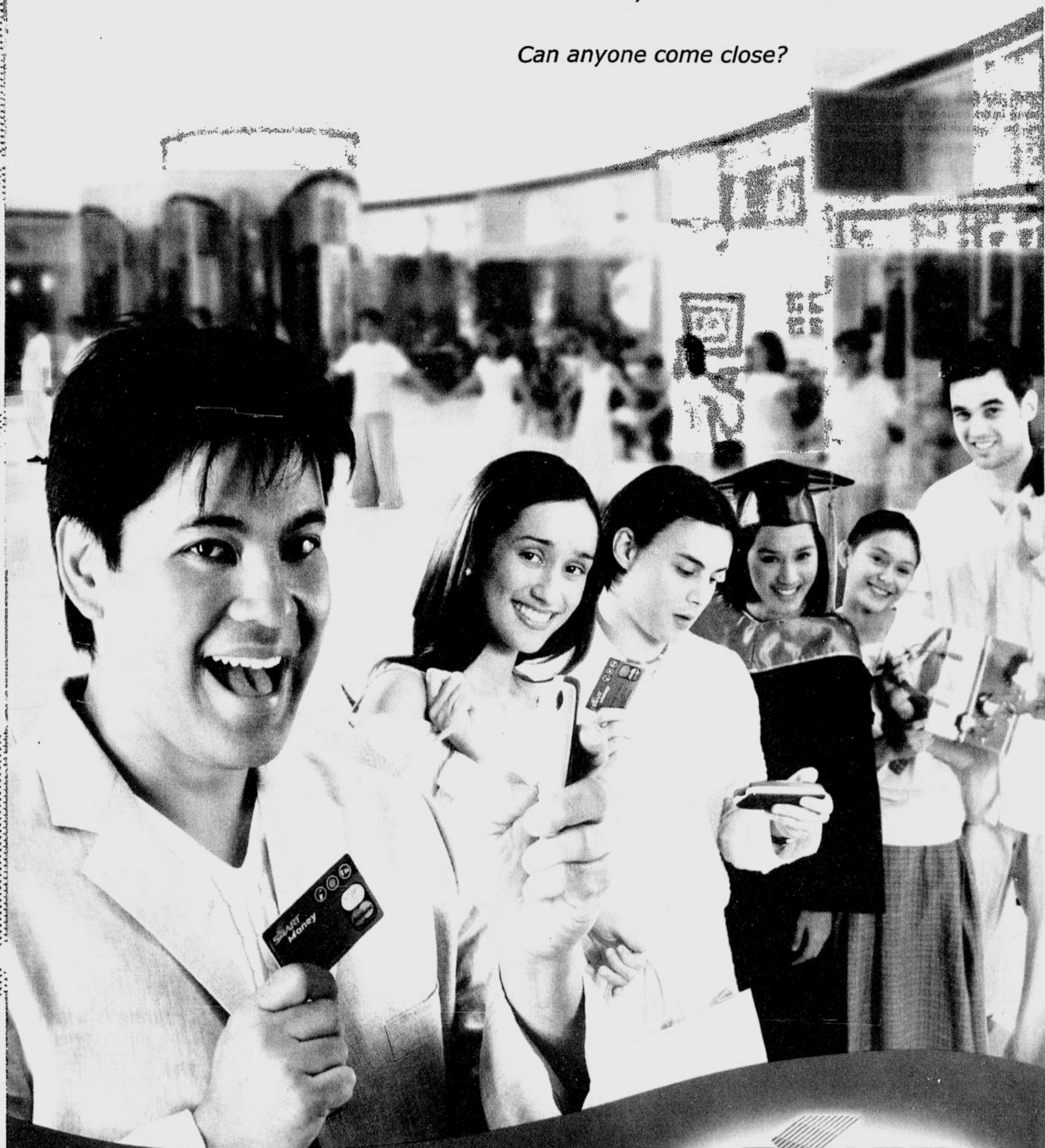
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Being with mom

By Kelly Gelvezon, Analiza Malvar and Robi Mercene

WHAT do kids enjoy doing with their moms? The quality of the activity does not seem to matter. Whether going to the mall, eating out, strolling, playing computer or outfoxing one another in board games, it seems children appreciate not so much the magnitude of the activity but the effort and the goodwill their moms put in showing they're there, ever ready to see them through the growing years. Moms are tops because they are simply there. Hey, mom, how about buying me the latest Nike?



"...Playing basketball with my mom..." - Ralph Teri, 6



"...Hugging, kissing and loving her. I love staying in the house and playing chess with her." - Isaiah Papa, 9



"...Strolling at the mall, eating out..." - Jason Almeda, 9



"...I'm enjoying my life with her as she takes care of me..." - Timothy Ortigas, 10



"...Going to the mall, shopping, painting..." - Danica Nicole Mercano, 5



"...Eating spaghetti, watching movies, going to Glorietta or ATC..." - Martin I, 10 and Mari Reyes, 9



"...going to the mall..." - Patricia Anne Lee, 8

"...Play PS and shopping..." - Francis Yap, 8



"...Having a vacation with her in Canada..." - Kimberly Go, 10



"...Playing, reading books..." - Kimmy Librea, 6

"...Loving, hugging, kissing, shopping, going to Glorietta or Shangri-La..." - John Kevin Suapengco, 9 and Janina Suapengco, 8



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TRAVEL

Editor Rosario A. Garcellano

4 days on the road

HIGH (literally) driving on the Patapat Viaduct

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MANY said only crazy people would even consider making the journey that would require driving for more than 48 hours through as many as 12 provinces in Luzon in just four days. But then my mother, husband, six-year-old son, three friends from the UP Journalism Club and I were crazy enough to do it.

With little more than hearts filled with anticipation and a trunk stuffed with bottled water and chips, a map of Luzon, three pup tents and cassette tapes of 1980s music, we set off on our odyssey late on Holy Wednesday. Our little group joined hundreds of other motorists who had the same bright idea of setting out late at night to beat the Holy Week traffic. So much for that idea.

Our first stop after my husband and I took turns driving our trusty Isuzu Hilander through the night was Ilocos Sur. We stayed at the farmhouse of our friend Mario's aunt in San Juan, where we met up with another friend who had come from Ifugao. From there we visited the churches of Bantay and Vigan.

The Bantay church's bell tower became famous when it was featured in a movie by Fernando Poe Jr. The Vigan church, on the other hand, was made infamous when a member of the Crisologo political clan was gunned down there, allegedly by his own cousin.

Vigan, formerly known as Ciudad Fernandina, was teeming with camera-toting tourists whose need to see the ancestral homes that evoke images of colonial Spain came on top of attending any of the religious activities, that day being Holy Thursday.

In fact, the plaza surrounding the church was bustling with activity, with townsfolk selling Vigan's famous chicken-and-egg-filled *empanada* and *okoy* (shrimp fritters) to tourists. There were beelines to the Tiongsong Royal Bibingka outlet and to stores selling Vigan's version of the *longganisa*. People offering *calesa* rides through the famous Crisologo Street were also doing brisk business.

After giving in to temptation and tasting the *empanadas* (P15 a piece), we returned to

our temporary home in San Juan and spent the night laughing about our college days over a few cans of beer.

Good Friday dawned bright and clear. After a hearty breakfast (San Juan's *longganisa* is by far the best), we drove off early in the morning to our next destination—Pagudpud in Ilocos Norte—with our vehicles laden with garlic and Indian mangoes.

The second leg of our trip allowed us to sample more of the Ilocos provinces' perfect asphalt roads—more than enough of an incentive to travel this way. We were intent on getting to Pagudpud as soon as possible, but we just had to stop at the historic town of Paoay.

The residents may have found it funny but we took time out to look at Dumlao Street (my husband's forefathers came from this town) and to mingle with tourists gawking at Paoay's imposing church.

After sampling the town's *halo-halo*, we were back on the road. We stopped for lunch at Laoag before making a side trip to Sarrat, a town strongly identified with the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos, and where the beautiful Sta. Monica church awaits the faithful.

The church, which, with its convent, is touted to be the biggest in Luzon, was made famous by the wedding of Marcos daughter Irene to Gregorio Araneta. In an ominous aftermath to the lavish wedding, a strong earthquake badly damaged the structure.

From Sarrat, we were bent on reaching Pagudpud as soon as possible. But we were sidetracked in the town of Burgos by the sight of what seemed like a beautiful white castle from afar, which later turned out to be a lighthouse abandoned by the Spanish colonizers.

We took the road leading to the lighthouse, and the sweeping view of the Luzon Sea and Bangui Bay was a pleasant surprise. Indeed it was breathtaking, and the lighthouse, even if in sad disrepair, was equally so.

The old man who watches over the lighthouse (now under the auspices of the Philippine Coast Guard) was eager to tell stories, and he encouraged everyone who cared to listen to help save the building. He lamented how certain visitors even went so far as to pull out a marble brick or two and take these home as souvenirs.



THE BELFRY of the Badoc Church, where hero Antonio Luna was baptized

With images of Bangui Bay fresh in our minds, we set off for Pagudpud—and were promptly disappointed. For one thing, there were just too many people. For another, the beach, even at the famed Saud, was rocky.

What was it about Pagudpud? Was it my grandparents' house by the beach, where I spent summer vacations? I could not help wondering what the fuss was all about.

What saved the trip for us were the good but inexpensive food and the fact that we paid only P55 each to use the toilet and the shower. We ditched the usual accommodations for our own brand-new tents. It was quite a feeling sleeping under the moonlight (and, unfortunately, the irritating sound of a *tuko*). Talk about cheap thrills.

We were up almost at the break of dawn of our third day on the road. The sun shone brightly as the day wore on, with nary a cloud in sight. The heat was considerable, but then we were in the Ilocos and it was all part of the bargain.

My family and friends had planned to go straight home from Pagudpud. But the lure of the road was just so strong, and we decided to continue the trip and return to Manila via the other side of Luzon. I guess we were crazier than we thought.

So off we went, and our first highlight was the Patapat Viaduct, the northernmost part of the Philippines and touted to be the longest elevated road in this part of the world.

We went over the other side and reached Cagayan, the roads still top-class. We stopped at this little eatery in Lal-lo, where we ate—wonder of wonders—*halo-halo* with elbow macaroni. It went well with the traditional banana and camote bits, and the owner singing along with the videoke machine.

From there it was hours of smooth travel, from Cagayan's capital city of Tuguegarao down to the two-hour drive through the diversion road that runs from the town of Enrile in Cagayan to Santiago in Isabela.

The diversion road not only allows you to test how fast you can drive but also provides a pleasure for the senses. As the EZ map says, the road is "an absolute revelation," especially

for expatriates savoring memories of their own country roads.

Adding to the surreal character of the landscape are the rolling hills on both sides of the road, which are actually part of the Cordillera mountain range, colored almost orange by the rays of the setting sun.

From Santiago, it was about 50 kilometers to the town of Bagabag, in Nueva Vizcaya, where we took the turnoff to get to our friend's province of Ifugao, of which he is incidentally the elected governor.

By then night had fallen, and it was a little tricky to go up the additional 50 km to reach Banaue, with its winding and dark (not a lampost in sight) roads. But then the cool air alone was worth the trip, and we were given the chance to spend the night in an authentic Ifugao house at the Ilob Village Inn.

Banaue is not the place for those looking for nightlife. We spent the night enjoying cup after cup of Ifugao coffee—absolutely delicious even for us serious coffee drinkers, and not because we know the governor.

We woke up early the next day to the cool air of Banaue and the sight of the little rice paddy just below our temporary home. After bathing with really, really, really cold water (the kind that people mean when they say "take a cold shower"), we immediately drove to the Banaue Viewpoint.

There we took our time looking at exquisite woodcarvings, and then we had our pictures taken with the famous rice terraces in the background. (We decided against paying the old Ifugaos dressed in colorful attire to pose with us.)

The terraces are truly breathtaking, especially if you consider the fact that Ifugaos have harvested rice from these paddies for generations. There are rice paddies carved out of mountainsides in other parts of Asia, but the Ifugao terraces are by far the largest.

We loaded our car with the woodcarvings we bought at bargain prices and other souvenirs, and just after lunch, we made the long trip back to Manila. It took us almost 12 hours.

Our bodies were tired and the car was in desperate need of a wash, but our hearts were full. We made plans to make another such trip next year.

We dropped off our friends at Muñoz Market and went our separate ways, but I am sure that we all slept that Easter Sunday night with the same thought: that the Philippines is truly a beautiful country.

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THE IFUGAO wonder as seen from the viewpoint

PHOTOS BY JEROME C. DUMLAO



THE MASSIVE San Agustin Church in Paoay, Ilocos Norte

TRAVEL BRIEFS

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NORTHWEST Airlines has announced the launch of "interline" electronic ticketing capabilities with American Airlines, enabling Northwest customers to use a single e-ticket for travel on both carriers.

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KOREAN national carrier Asiana Airlines has announced four- and five-day tour packages designed to give visitors modern and historical perspectives on the country.

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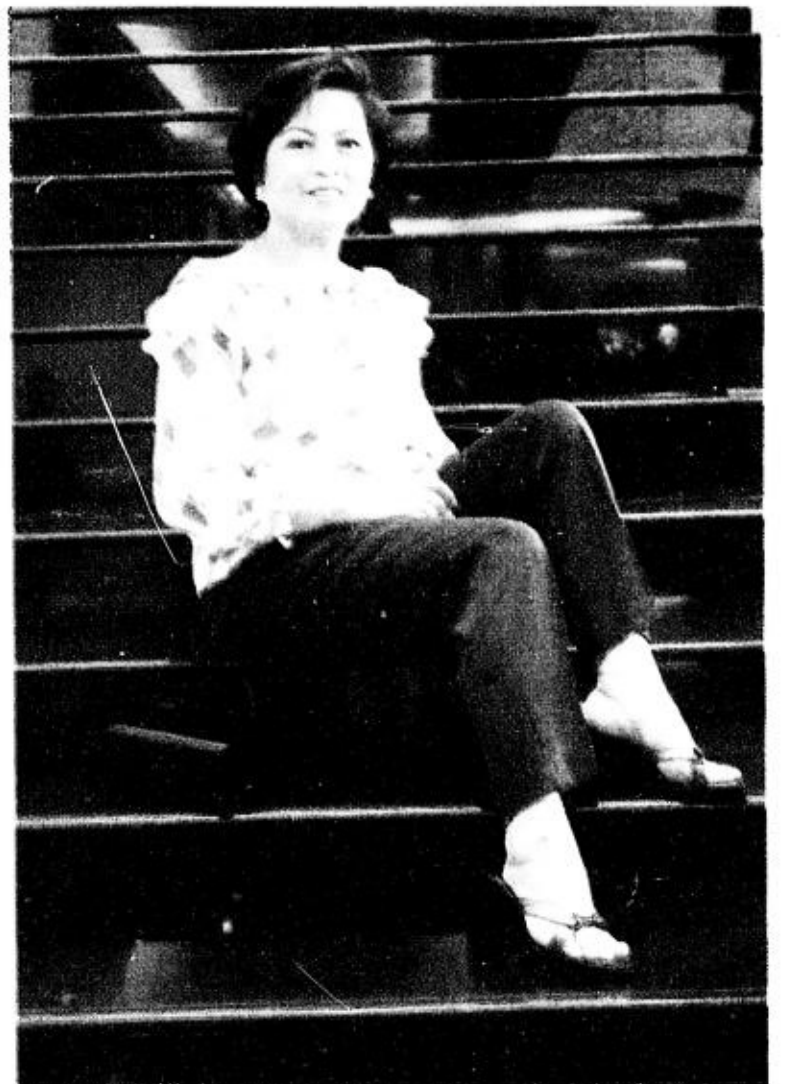


AFTER

NITA DEL ROSARIO

Nitz, as she is fondly known around the INQUIRER office where she takes care of administrative services, is a mother of one, and a recent grandma. Her day begins bright and early at 6 a.m. "I'm usually out of the house by 7 a.m., and I travel two and a half hours in order to get to the office by 9 a.m.," she says. Thus, Nitz has a no-fuss beauty routine that is accomplished in 10 minutes flat. "After my shower, I use a moisturizer, put on face powder, a little eye shadow, some eyeliner, lipstick and dab a little blush. That's it," she says. Her daily wardrobe is made up of dark-colored slacks with a blouse and blazer on top, and she's always in pumps. "Basic corporate attire" is how she describes her day-to-day look.

Willy Baquiran of FIX decided to add a little sophistication and glamour to Nitz's look. First, he colored her hair in dark auburn and placed dark blonde and copper highlights. Then he used Shade No. 17 of Cinema Secrets foundation for color. Baquiran also did a little threading on her eyebrows to give them shape and definition and open up her face. He applied browns and bronze shades on her eyelids and natural pink U2B blush on her cheeks to add a little drama. He used Bench lipgloss in Flirt and lipstick in Trivia for her lips.



OFF with the blazer! Bobby Novenario off-shoulder blouse updates Nitz's look; shoes and bag by Confetti.

FOR AN evening out in town, long-sleeved Thai silk top and black pants by Suitables by Bobby Novenario; shoes and bag by Confetti.

Getting even with Mom

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BEFORE



AFTER

**MINA GARA**

The youngest mommy in the group (the people at FIX thought she was someone's daughter) is mom to a 4-year-old girl. A public relations and marketing specialist for Summit Publishing, Mina Gara looks fresh out of high school. "Powder and lip gloss are my basics. Sometimes I blow-dry my hair, but lately I haven't been doing so because I just tie my hair back," she says. Her get-up is usually just jeans and a casual top. For evening events, she goes for more formal whites or black tops.

Paolo Olandez colored Mina's hair in light brown with golden ash reflects. He also trimmed the ends to soften her "strong jawline" and to give her hair more balance and rhythm. For makeup, Mina's features were enhanced by using Shu Uemura eyeshadow in lavender and brown. For her cheeks, he used an amber shade and lip gloss in Naïve by HerBench.

WRAPAROUND black shirt works like a charm for Mina. Top, pants and bag from HerBench; shoes by Coly



YOUNG and trendy in white knit camisole and overhauled denims from HerBench; bag by HerBench creations; shoes by Coly.



ROSEMARIE Montances in a huddle with her two kids

Helping mothers become self-reliant

WHEN she was widowed two years ago, Rosemarie Montances, 34, resolved to raise her two kids on her own with the little income she was earning from buying and selling all sorts of things.

Recently, however, her luck changed. Thanks to the "Tulong sa Pagsulong" project of Procter & Gamble and Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste, Montances now has her own sari-sari store in front of her apartment on Valdez Street in Sampaloc, Manila with an initial inventory of goods worth P20,000.

"Tulong sa Pagsulong," which is sponsored by Procter & Gamble's Ariel laundry detergent, gives sari-sari stores to deserving women. From February to May, a total of 80 stores—or 20 per month—were given away.

Montances, who has a 9-year-old girl and

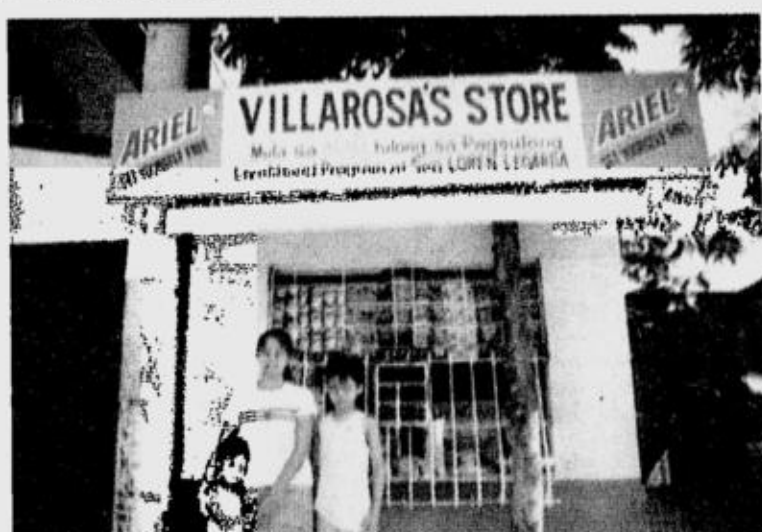
11-year-old boy, was chosen during the first draw held Feb. 22. The 20 winners were chosen from 60 finalists.

Another Ariel awardee, Yvette Villarosa, 31, of Banlat, Tandang Sora, QC, used to sell a few household items in front of an old two-bedroom bungalow owned by her in-laws. She was among the 20 winners in Ariel's second draw on March 22.

Villarosa says a sari-sari store is the best way she can help her husband make a living since it also allows her to take care of their 10-year-old son Paul, and 5-year-old daughter Aura. Her husband, Leopoldo III, 31, an information technology professional in a transnational firm, is now planning to start another business—a computer shop—in the same compound.



HER sari-sari store is a welcome source of livelihood for Montances, a widow and mother of two.



YVETTE Villarosa and her two kids show off their brand-new Ariel store.

Trade fair treats mothers to a special celebration

FAMILIES have a lot to celebrate at the 7th Everything for Babies and Kids Trade Fair (EBKTF) 2002 until today at the SM Megatrade Hall 3, SM Megamall B. Mothers are given special treats and a special celebration.

On its seventh year, EBT showcases 60 exhibitors in the health, insurance, toys, apparel, pre-school, education and nutrition industries. Admission is free. Simply register to enter and get giveaways and product samples.

Special events are lined up every hour including daily children's shows. Other main events are "Battle of the Bullit Brains" from Glaxosmithkline, The Obstacle Course from JDH Phils., The Stacking Block with an UNO twist and Bratz Fashion Show from Bankee Trading Inc., Apparel Fashion Show from Click Licensing and Promotions Inc. and product presentations from Avon Cosmetics Inc. plus daily raffle draws.

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CONFERENCE. The UP Special Education Area of the College of Education, with the UP Special Education Council, will conduct its second annual conference on the theme "Individualization of Educational Contents and Strategies: Trends and Application in Varied Placement Programs for Children with Special Needs" on May 27-29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Benitez Theater, College of Education, UP Diliman, QC.

The theme responds to the need of parents, teachers and other support-service givers for knowledge and competencies in conducting practical assessment, and preparing and implementing individualized educational plans

for special children.

Television host Kris Aquino will deliver the keynote address during the opening program.

The three-day conference aims to achieve the following objectives: conceptualize the theoretical bases of individualization; specify the

procedure of individualizing educational contents and strategies; discuss and analyze individualization

trends and application in varied placement programs; and evaluate individualized educational plans which the participants can implement in their respective work places.

UP professors and noted practitioners led by Dr. Edilberto I. Dizon, professor of Special Education and practicing SPED diagnostician-counselor, will serve as resource persons and facilitators.

SEMINAR. Behavioral Dynamics Inc. invites school administrators, principals, teachers, guidance counselors and psychology practitioners to "Creating Multiple Intelligence with Emphasis on Curriculum Development," to be conducted by "Midas" author Dr. Branton Shearer. It will be held on May 15-17 at the Manila-Club Filipino, Club Filipino Avenue corner Eisenhower Street, San Juan, Metro Manila, and on May 20-22 at the Ateneo de Naga, Naga City. Seminar fees are P5,500 (Manila) and P3,800 (Bicol), inclusive of meals and handouts.

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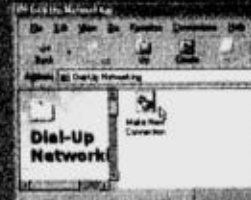


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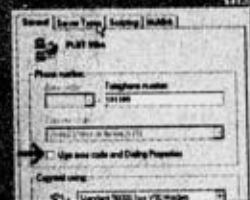
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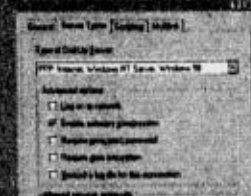
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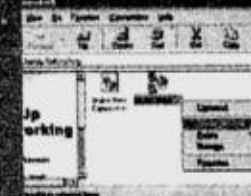
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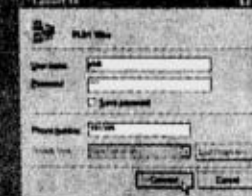
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Sunday LIFESTYLE



PAEZ-OSEÑA

A tearful groom meets his radiant bride at the altar

By James P. Ong
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It is a joke among Patrick Yngson Paez and Daphne Sarmiento Oseña's close friends in ABS-CBN, where they both work as broadcast journalists, how the couple always call each other "sweetie" and never by their first names.

In fact, a friend recalls one time Patrick, 37, called her by her first name. Daphne, 32, was so worried, thinking that there was something wrong and the two almost had a *tampuhan*.

They immediately made up, with Patrick never calling her by her first name again—until the afternoon of May 4, when the couple exchanged vows as husband and wife in an intimate ceremony at the Don Bosco Retreat House chapel in Batulao, Batangas, which was officiated by the groom's older brother, Fr. Dennis Paez, SDB.

The two first met at the Christmas party of ABS-CBN in 1996. The bride, an urban planning graduate from the University of Toronto, had recently joined the television station as a cub reporter and introduced herself to the groom.

He asked her what type of music she listens to as his way of breaking the ice. A few months after, with the groom constantly "hovering" around her work desk, still asking about her favorite music, they started going out.

In a way, as one close friend put it, Patrick and Daphne have only each other.

Daphne's family lives in Canada. Patrick's siblings, apart from Father Dennis, all live in the United States. He lost his mother in 1997 and his father in 2000, when he and his siblings were in Toronto to ask for Daphne's hand.

He gave her an emerald cut diamond engagement ring in August of the following year.

Touching event

The ceremony was a touching event attended by family and close friends. Everyone could not help but laugh when the groom tried bravely to keep from crying—he did cry, anyway—as he watched his winsome bride being walked down the aisle by her father, Col. Delio J. Oseña, PAF (ret.).

He flew in with his wife, Rose, and the bride's siblings, Cyrus, Hanni and Tipsy. It was also a reunion for the Oseñas with their relatives in Manila, since they moved to Toronto after the 1986 Edsa Revolution.

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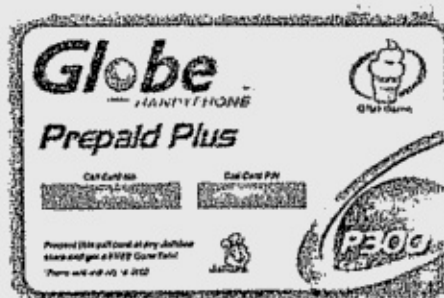
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CHAN DEBUT

Kristel Arvi G. Chan, daughter of **Vittorio** and **Windelina G. Chan**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on May 18 at the Oasis Country Resort, San Fernando City, La Union. She is a BS Accountancy student at St. Louis College, San Fernando. Her hair and makeup will be done by **Bobby Borja**.



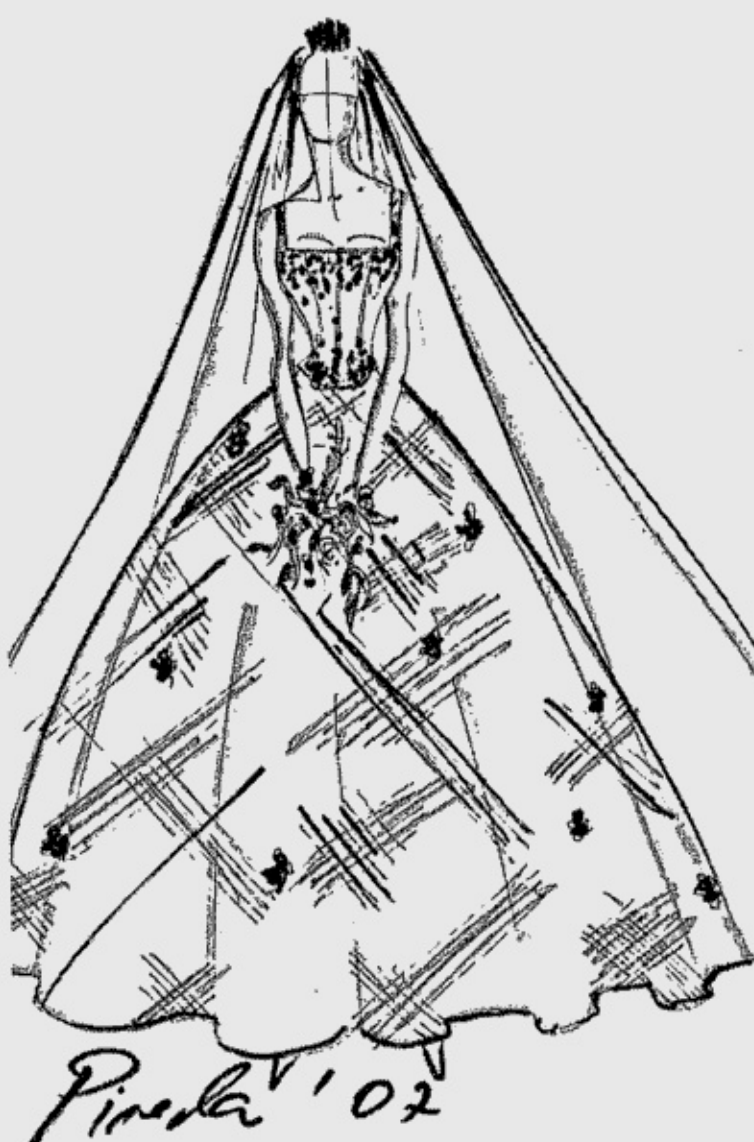
DEBUT

Maria Eunice M. Cajucom, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Rolando** and **Rose Cajucom**, celebrates her coming of age this May. Eunice is from Metroville Subdivision, Pasig City and is a student of the University of Asia & the Pacific. Her debut will be held at the Manansala Hall, Manila Galleria Suites on May 17 with her family and friends.



TUYOR-ALCONABA

Engineer **Ronald Torreon Tuyor**, son of **Orlando** and **Natividad Tuyor** of New Bataan, Compostela Province (Davao), will marry **Glenda Pasi-Alconaba**, daughter of **Isidoro** and **Luningning Alconaba** of Sala, Cabuyao, Laguna, on June 8 at the St. John Bosco Parish Church, Laguna Technopark, Sta. Rosa, Laguna. Reception will follow at the clubhouse of La Hoya de Sta. Rosa. The bride will wear a tube gown made of shantung silk she designed herself.



SIMBULAN-PINEDA

Grethen "Con" Aguila, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Bernardo Aguila**, will tie the knot with **Eugene Simbulan**, son of Mr. and Ms **Ismael Simbulan**, on May 12 at the Our Lady of Consolation Church. **Eric Pineda** designed the bride's gown in ivory Thai silk. The corset is sprinkled with caviar beads and rhinestones. The skirt is made of 18 layers of illusion tulle scattered with hand-beaded rose appliques with magenta leaves. Iridescent Swarovski crystals will adorn her hair. Reception will follow at the Fernwood Gardens, QC.



COSTA-RAMOS

Dr. **Romel Costa**, son of **Ruben** and **Carmelita C. Costa**, will exchange marriage vows with Dr. **Kate Ramos**, daughter of engineer **Cesar** and **Juliet Ramos**, today, at the Manila Cathedral. The wedding ceremony will be officiated by Rev. Fr. **Abel L. Dalaguit**. The bride will be wearing an off-shoulder blouse with matching princess white skirt in duchess satin fabric, embellished with silver white beads and pearls designed by **Ramon Santiago**. Reception will follow at Villa Immaculada, Intramuros.



ENDANGAN-LACSON

Ian Doterty Salas Endangan Jr., son of **Forester Doterty** and Dr. **Lourdes S. Endangan**, will wed **Maria Melissa Asegurado Lacson**, daughter of **Horacio** and **Patricia Lacson**, on June 22 at the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Church, Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite. Reception will follow at the Aguinaldo Function Room of Island Cove. **Hessie Zoleta** designed the bridal gown. The couple will be serenaded by Velvet Mood Musical Ensemble by **Gary Silangcruz**. Pol's Photography by **Louie C. Reformado** will document the event.



GARCIA-FERNANDEZ

Jose Garcia Jr., son of **Jose Sr.** and **Gloria A. Garcia**, will exchange marriage vows with **Ryan A. Fernandez**, daughter of **Onofre Sr.** and **Dorothy A. Fernandez**, on May 18 at the St. Rose of Lima Parish Church, Lingayen, Pangasinan. Reception will follow at the Consuelo Hotel and Restaurant.



STA. ANA-DELA CRUZ

Jeffrey L. Sta. Ana and **Ma. Rochel Cristina V. dela Cruz** will exchange vows on May 17 at the Our Lady of Remedies Church (Malate Catholic Church). The bride will wear an off-shoulder gown of duchess satin material and accentuated with Swarovski beads designed by **Bernice Cruz** of **Pilar Pineda**.



BAYINDIRYAN-PESQUIRA

Dr. **Teodora Carolyn Pesquira**, daughter of **Teodoro** and **Valentina M. Pesquira** of Cebu City and Bohol, will wed **Krikor M. Bayindiryan**, son of Mr. and Ms **Levon Bayindiryan** of Chicago, Illinois, on May 26 at the St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in Chicago.



PELENIO-PUBLICO

Eric Pelenio, son of **Ambrocio** and **Patria Pelenio**, recently wed **Kathy Publico**, daughter of engineer **Arthur** and Dr. **Pina Publico**, at the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Malvar, Batangas. Reception was held at Villa Carmelita Callejon.



DEAKIN-BADILLO

Alasdair Deakin, son of **Frank Kenneth** and **Angela Margaret Deakin** of Scotland, exchanged marital vows with **Yondee Badillo**, daughter of Dr. **Armando** and **Lourdes Badillo** of Lipa City, on Oct. 25 at the San Sebastian Cathedral, Lipa City. Reception followed at Club Victorina, Banay-Banay, Lipa City. Officiating priest was Msgr. **Fred Madlangbayan**. Hair and makeup by **Eddie T. Rosales**.



RAMOS-PILAPIL

Eduardo M. Ramos, son of Mr. and Ms **Romeo Ramos**, and **Michelle P. Pilapil**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Leoncio Pilapil**, exchanged wedding vows on April 27 at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Project 5, QC. Reception followed at the Jade Valley Cantonese Cuisine, Timog Avenue, QC. Wedding coordinator was the bride's friend, **Arla Yaneza**.



MORALES-BACONG

John J. Morales, son of **Adel** and **Elizabeth Morales**, will wed **Sheila G. Bacong**, daughter of **Sebastian** (deceased) and **Benita Bacong**, on June 15 at the Shrine of Jesus Parish Church. Reception will be held at the Luzon Ballroom of The Westin Philippine Plaza. Coordinator of the event is **Bing Pascual** of The Banquet Specialty Shoppe Inc. The bride will wear a strapless gown made of pure white duchess satin, embellished with intertwined glass beads, bugle, caviar and Swarovski crystals, executed by **Cecilio Abad**.



MARTINEZ-ECHANO

Arnold D. Martinez, son of the late **Salvador Martinez** and **Felisa D. Martinez**, and **Ma. Pamela M. Echano**, daughter of **Pablo B. Echano** and **Salvacion M. Echano**, exchanged marital vows on April 4 at the Manila Cathedral. Reception followed at the Coconut Palace, CCP Complex, Pasay City. Both are registered nurses, working and living in Chicago, Illinois, USA.



LUCAS-MACAYAYONG

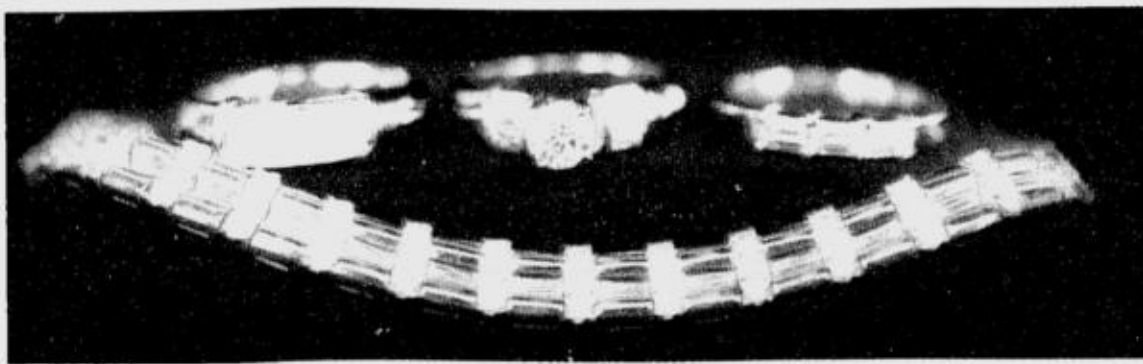
Angela Macayayong, daughter of **Arnolfo** and **Norma Macayayong**, exchanged vows with **Edward Lucas**, son of **Ernesto** and **Pelagia Lucas**, on May 5 at the Santisimo Rosario Parish (UST Church), España, Manila. Reception followed at Chinatown's Best Food Restaurant, QC. The bride wore a gown in off-white highlighted with intricate beadwork of cut, long and bugle beads, flower sequins, pearls and rhinestones in vines and leaf pattern. The entourage wore gowns in sky-blue motif, all designed by **Junel L. Gallon**.

Hot summer discount

ITSIE-BITSIE boutique makes another splash with its much-awaited "Hot in the City" summer sale. Just how hot? Think tide-parting, two-piece and one-piece swimwear, sassy sundresses, all-time favorite capris in quality fabrics, great-fitting cotton tees in must-have colors, beach bags with matching hats and purses in the prettiest prints.

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Wedding and engagement rings sale

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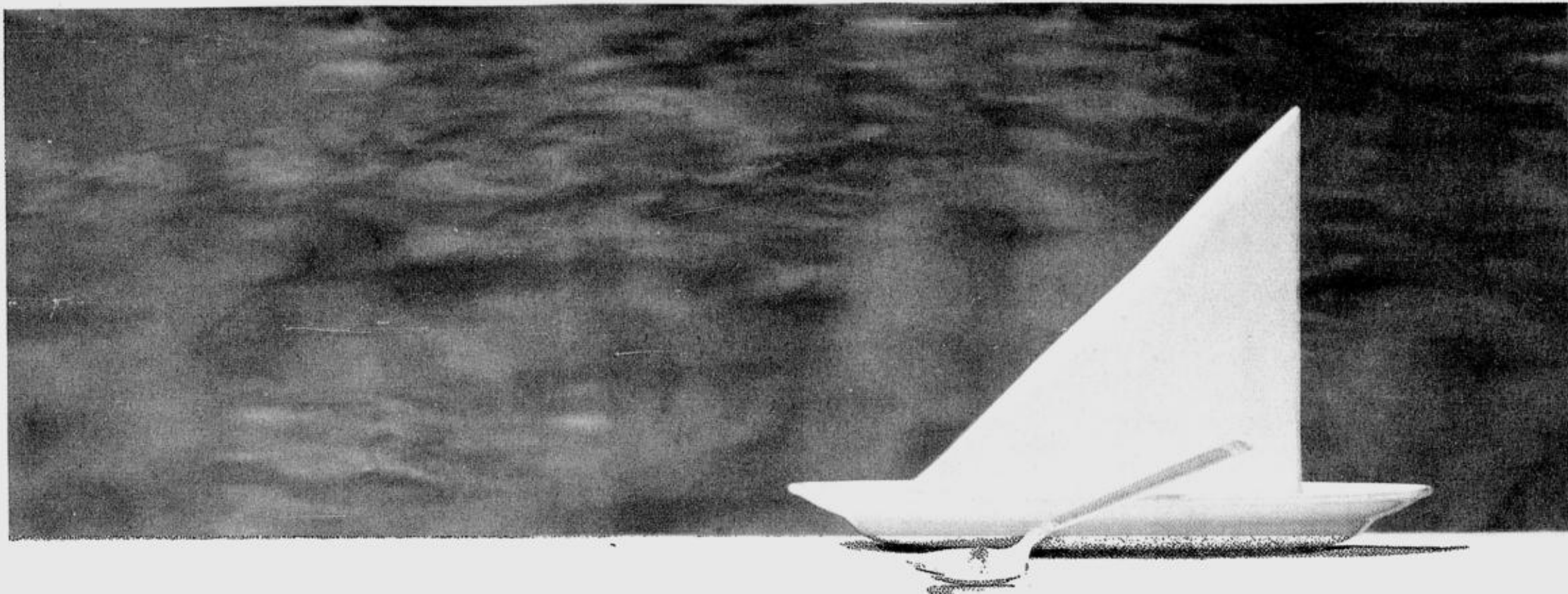
Mall offers health program

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Mall-goers will experience a relaxing and soothing moment as they do tai chi and yoga to achieve soundness of body and mind. They will also enjoy free blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screening and bone density check from Healthway, free Indian head and hand massage from The Spa, and a free lecture on healthy diet from Asia Renal Care.

The program will continue all Mondays and Thursdays until June 27 at 8 a.m. Call the Customer Service at 842-2782 or 775-0021/22.

ATC has been the venue of many entertainment events such as concerts, mall tours, exhibits and movie launches. The mall also houses about 80 dining outlets and entertainment spots.



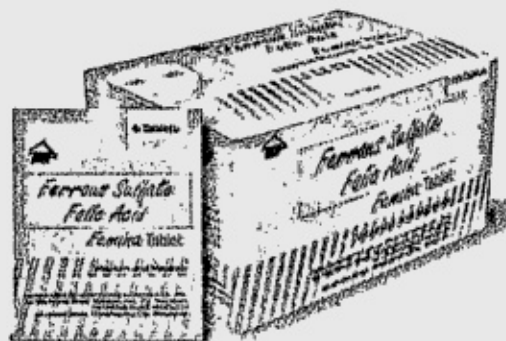
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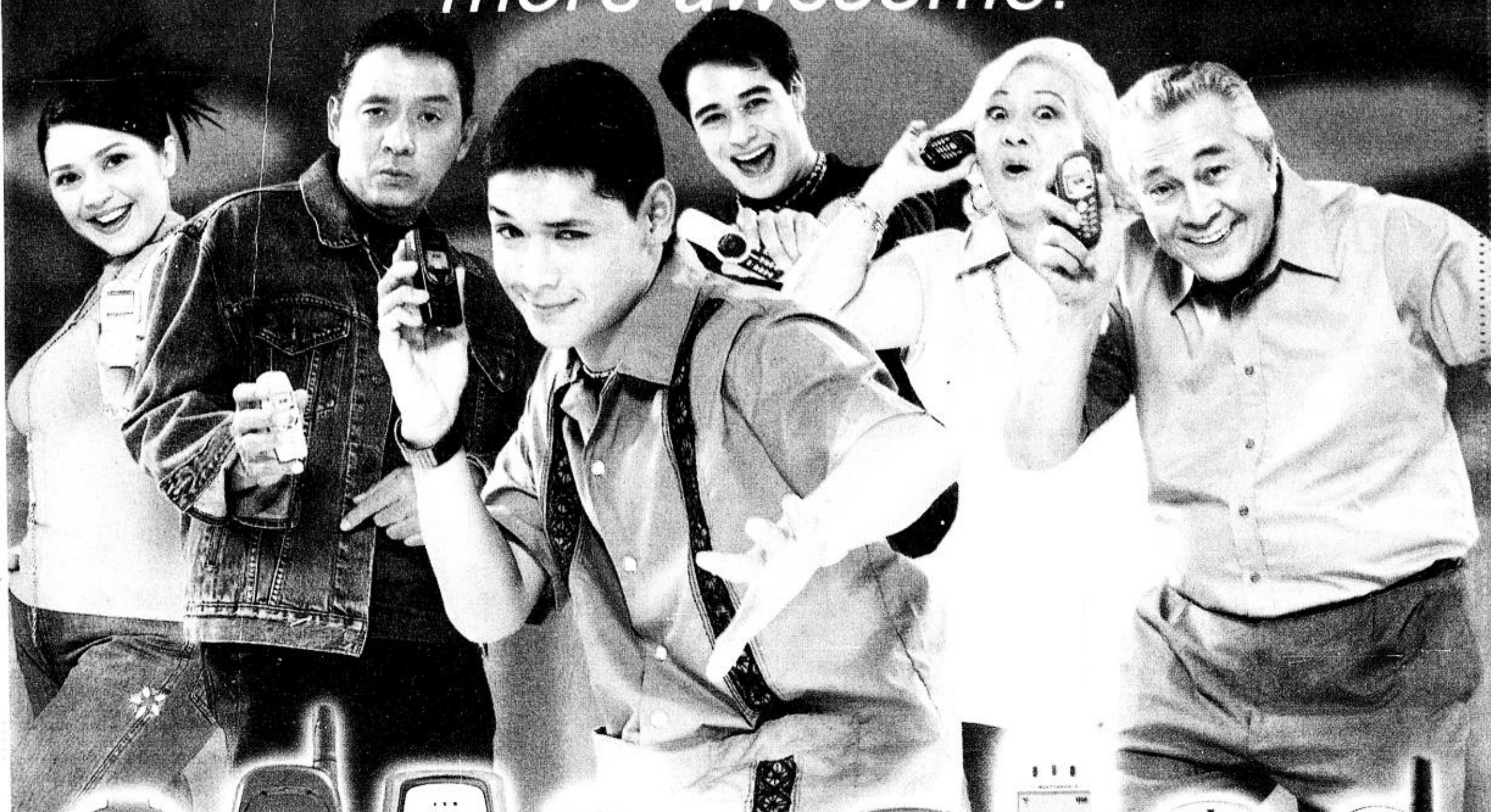
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Trium Mystral GSM	2,500	500	FREE	FREE	FREE
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Philips Fisio 820	18,000	16,000	13,000	9,500	5,500
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BRIDAL PARTY. Pauline Oseña (bridesmaid), Hanni Oseña (maid of honor), Daphne and Patrick, Darille Santos (flower girl) and Jojo Paez (best man)

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tion.

The groom didn't want to use the *tubao* handkerchief his older brother and best man, Jojo, gave him. So he asked for tissue from his bride, who had to get it from her Lila Almario silk bag.

When the tissue was already wet with tears, Father Dennis gave him his hankie, which the bride also had to borrow midway through the ceremony.

There were hardly any somber moments, with the very candid manner of Father Dennis, who would constantly advise the bride to look into the groom's eyes and check if he looked sincere enough.

When the couple was about to exchange rings, Father Dennis made a pause, looked behind him to where the musicians were, and said that music would be good. Then they played "Sunrise, Sunset" from "Fiddler on the Roof."

No wedding coordinator

It was a beautiful sunset that greeted the newly married couple and their guests at the reception that followed on the grounds of the retreat house, which overlooks the mountains of Batulao.

It was the first—and most probably the only—time a ceremony of that magnitude was held there, since only weddings of employees are held in the place.

As Father Dennis, who runs the retreat house, later commented, since he himself could never get married, it was but logical to transfer his rights to his youngest brother.

The bride didn't hire a wedding coordinator and took it upon herself to design the bare concrete area, which was transformed into a tropical paradise with the floral arrangements of Tony Padilla.

An arch constructed out of thin bamboo stilts, accented with round capiz shells and topped

with tall cuttings of birds of paradise, acted as an entrance door.

The wedding's color motifs were different shades of fuchsia, orange and pumpkin.

Popo San Pascual, an artist and avid gardener who resides in Tagaytay and whose garden the couple fell in love with during their many dates there, designed the table centerpieces—huge shallow clay pots filled with different blooms found in his garden.

His mother was in-charge of the food, which included roast turkey, vegetable lasagna, Spanish *lengua* and chocolate fondue for dessert.

There was a five-minute fireworks display as the newly married couple entered the reception area. During their first dance together as husband-and-wife to the tune of an instrumental "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," guests lit sparklers.

The couple's souvenirs were small pots of herb plants made by Pinggoy Generoso, the bride's director in her TV show on Studio 23, "Urban Living." Originally, they wanted to give away pots of rosemary, which in some cultures are signs of fidelity or fertility.

Butterfly wishes

The bride wore her hair in a chignon, and her Inno Sotto strapless gown was made of duchesse satin. The entourage's

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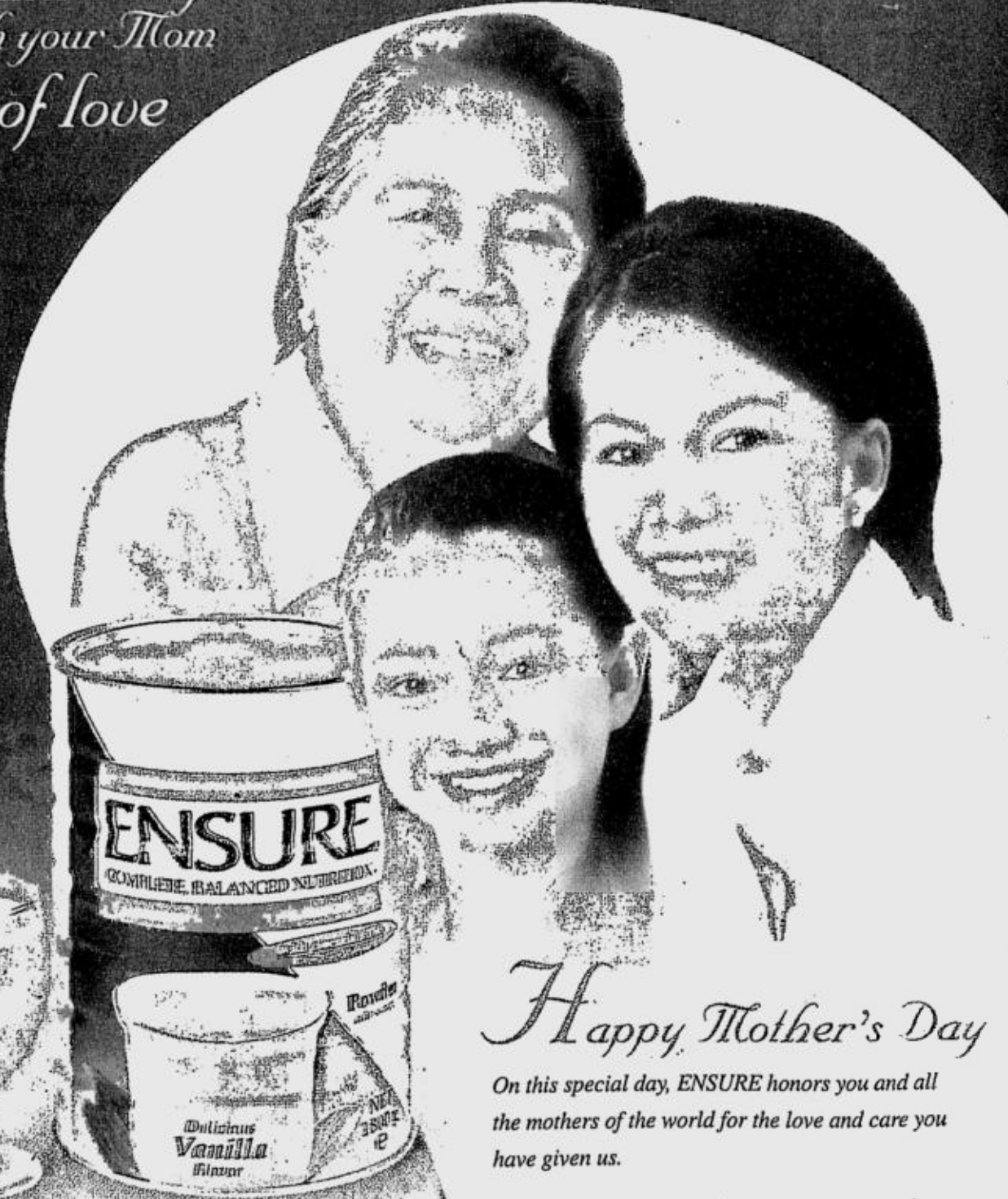


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Re: EDM-BFAD-Pamphilio CADP Series of 2002

A tearful groom meets his radiant bride at the altar

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clothes were done by Carla Sibal. In a story she produced for "F," a fashion TV program she co-hosts, Daphne said that, like all girls, she's always had an idea of what her wedding dress would look like.

But working with Sotto, she realized that she ended up wearing something that she never thought would look so good on her.

As she masterfully orchestrated the logistics of her wedding, she was up on her toes until the day itself, when her brother called her early in the morning to ask her about some problems with the table arrangements. "At that point," she said, "I realized I had to let go."

Besides, there was a more urgent situation that needed her full concentration.



"F" GIRLS. Angel Aquino (secondary sponsor), the bride, and Cher Calvin (reader at church)

She woke up with a huge pimple on her nose.

She immediately summoned her dermatologist-cousin to bring all the needles and medicine needed to get rid of the zit.

Photographer Eddieboy Escudero was only too impressed documenting the whole procedure, and



WITH THE OSEÑA FAMILY. Sisters Pauline and Hanni, mother Rose, father Delio and sister-in-law Julie and brother Cyrus Oseña with baby Isabel Oseña



WITH THE GROOM'S FAMILY. Miguel Dona, Father Dennis, Jojo Paez, Alice Paez, Isabel Paez (sister), aunt Loly Dona and Melin Dona

remarking that he never had a wedding that exciting.

The bride also completely forgot about tossing her bouquet away to the single girls, and then later on decided to keep it for herself.

Perhaps it was because the couple was busy freeing their individual cages of butterflies as guests showered them with rose petals at the chapel's exit.

Earlier inside the chapel, invoking an Indian legend that if anyone wants their wishes to come true they must first capture a butterfly, whisper their wish to it and then set it free, guests were handed out envelopes containing live butterflies.

As the wedding ceremony ended, the chapel was filled with fluttering butterflies, carrying to the Great Spirit above wishes for the newly married couple of a life filled with love, children and happiness.

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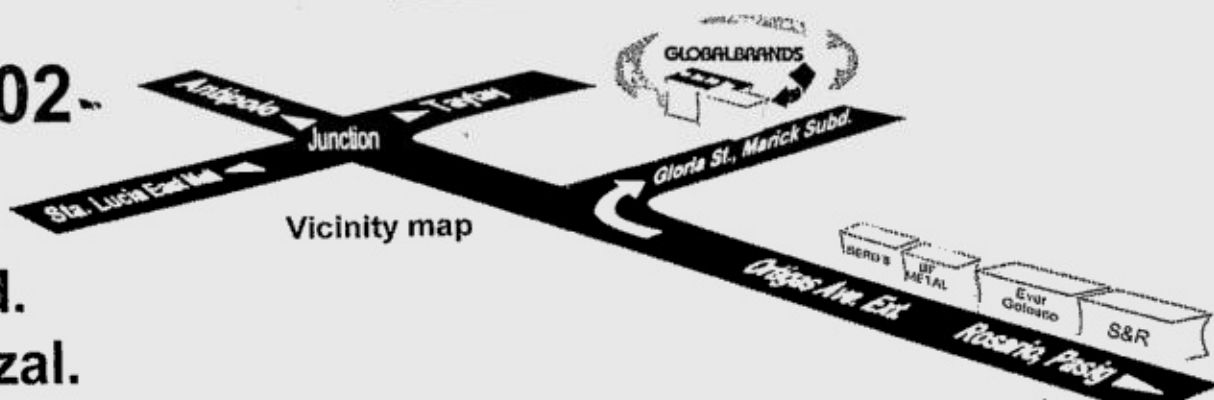
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Choral concert tonight celebrates church's 7th anniversary

THE UNIDA Ecumenical Church celebrates its seventh founding anniversary with a grand concert featuring the 100-voice Unida Ecumenical Chancel Choir at 6 tonight at the Meralco Theater, Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City.

The choir will do gospel, Broadway and classic songs such as "All I Ask of You" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," and "You'll Never Walk Alone" from Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Carousel"; contemporary Filipino works "Tuksuhan," arranged by Ramon Santos; Ryan Cayabyab's "Musical"; and a lyrical adaptation of Johann Pachelbel's Canon in D.

Also in the repertoire are compositions of National Artist Lucio San Pedro, "Lulay" and "Pasasalamat." The late maestro will receive a posthumous award as many of his works are standard fare in the Chancel Choir's performances and Sunday worship services.

Featured guest artists this evening are tenor Nolyn Cabahug, violinist John Lesaca and singer Pinky Marquez. Cabahug will render Italian opera arias and Broadway pieces, while Marquez will sing pop and inspirational songs. Lesaca will do OPM works and movie themes.

The Chancel Choir was formed in 1996 and held its inaugural concert in May 1999 at the Philamlife Auditorium. It traces its roots to the Koro ng Unida founded in the 1940s, and counts among its mentors musical luminaries such as Hilarion Rubio and Joel Navarro. In between performances, the choir takes the lead in the church's music ministry.

Composed of young professionals, the choir is directed by Prof. Luz Bicomong-Trinidad, alumna of the UP Concert Chorus under San Pedro, and Prof. Rey Paguio. Associate directors are Prof. Leony Bautista and deacon Thelma Quizon. Marilyn Cortez is assisting artist.

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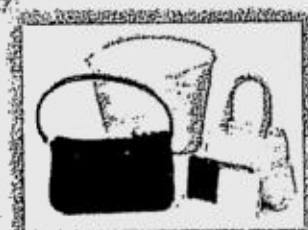
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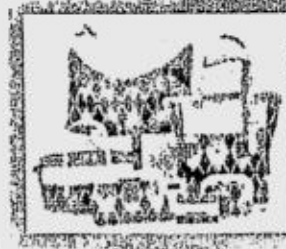
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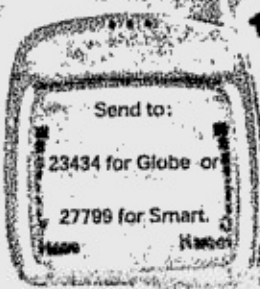
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Anton Huang does his own Spade work

By Chelo Banal-Formoso

THE MAN at the center of a business empire that includes 31 international brands, 156 specialized stores and a 50-year tradition of retailing has a hectic day ahead of him, including catching a flight to the Gold Coast in Australia, but he takes the time to sit down for this interview to make public that his family's Store Specialists Inc. (SSI) owns the Philippine distribution rights to the fashion world's brand du jour, Kate Spade.

What has prompted the mild-mannered



Oh the joys and pitfalls of managing some of the world's top style brands

Anton Huang to preempt the October opening of their free-standing Kate Spade store in the Greenbelt mall and additionally announce that the men's line labeled Jack Spade, the creation of Kate Spade's husband Andy, will have its separate outlet also in Greenbelt?

Like a Goliath caught unawares by a David, Huang is bothered by the spate of publicity pushing the Kate Spade shoes and handbags carried by Mix, the Greenbelt boutique where Ricco and Tina Ocampo have for years been selling a happy mélange of fashion labels. Thursday, there was even "a recreation of the lifestyle that is Kate Spade" hosted by the Ocampos.

Although the Ocampos have been careful

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Israel's percussion duo wows audiences in Cebu

THE EMBASSY of Israel and the Arts Council of Cebu presented Percaduo, dubbed as Israel's foremost percussion duo. It is composed of **Tomer Yariv** and **Adi Morag**, who, the leaflets say, produce music with muscle. Or was it muscle with music?

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Peace Philharmonic. Actually she is not relaxing, she says, but networking to come up with something great before the year is over.

This summer, the Peace Philharmonic's

Their concert at the newly inaugurated theater of SM City Cebu had an SRO audience, who applauded enthusiastically at each piece rendered. They all went wild when Cebu's acting mayor **Mike Rama** (Mayor **Tommy Osmeña** is on a six-month leave for health reasons) went up the stage to tap the bongos.

Israel's Ambassador to the Philippines **Irit Ben Abba** came for the occasion, and hosted a reception at the foyer before the concert. It was excellently served by Europa Deli whose **Markus Stern** (he is also the honorary consul of Switzerland in Cebu) was duly congratulated.

Welcoming everyone were Arts Council president **Petite Garcia**, and the chairpersons of the event, architect **Maxwell Espina** and Dr. **Vivina Chiu Yrastorza**, who is also president of the Philippines-Israel Business Association in Cebu. Mr. and Ms **Roi Dvir** (second secretary and cultural attaché) of the Israeli embassy in Manila and his assistant **Vivianne Vinarao** also attended the event.

Seen at the reception were Arts Council trustees like **Marissa Fernan** (SM's top girl in Cebu), **Chingay Utzurum** (who writes a column in the Cebu papers), **Cherry Muntuerto** and **Maria Theresa Klepp** (who hosted the dinner after the performance at her Cafe Vienna within the SM complex).

The Arts Council's next musical event is in June when the French embassy sends pianist **Alexandre Tharaud** for a recital. **Fe Sala Villarica** at Ballet Center will mount a full-length "Beauty and the Beast" in September which **Nicholas Pacana**, a Cebuano who started his first pirouettes with her and is now based in Atlanta, will direct.

Speaking of music and the arts, **Ingrid Sala Santamaria** came to Cebu after a six-month (since December) sabbatical from the

director for studies (and a genius) **Jeffrey Solares** offered special courses for young students in various musical instruments and 55 enrolled. Ingrid attended one of their weekly recitals and enjoyed it thoroughly. If we didn't see her much it was because she was rehearsing Beethoven and Schumann for a duo recital with **Jonathan Coe** at the residence of German Ambassador and Ms **Herbert Jess** in Manila. They have just installed a concert grand Steinway piano and who better than the best pianist in the land to inaugurate it?

The Austrian Ambassador to the Philippines **Christian Krepela** came to Cebu to inaugurate the Austrian Food Festival at the Cebu City Marriott Hotel. The hotel's general manager, **Christiana Wasfy**, who is from Austria, was on hand to greet him, dressed in the country's typical costume. Assisting the ambassador with the ribbon-cutting rites were the honorary consul general of Austria in Cebu **Arcadio Alegrado** and his lovely wife **Marle Montalban Alegrado**. Austrian chef **Thomas Rebler** came from Hong Kong's Marriott to prepare an array of specialties that had everyone went asking when the next Austrian foodfest would be.



TOMER Yariv and
Adi Morag of
Percaduo



MAYOR Michael Rama, Swiss consul Markus Stern and Israeli Ambassador Irit Ben Abba



VIVINA Yrastorza and Europa Deli's George Rondina

The next diplomatic event at the Cebu Marriott's ballroom was the reception hosted by the Consular Agent of the United States in Cebu and Ms **John Domingo** in honor of the new American Ambassador to the Philippines **Francis Ricciardone**, who came with his wife, **Marie**. She holds a doctorate in molecular biology.

Ambassador Ricciardone greeted everyone present in Cebuano as he started his speech wherein he said how impressed he was with this southern metropolis, and how he'd try to come again and again. Earlier to the reception he had been to the Ayala Center to inaugurate



the photo exhibit "Ground Zero" depicting the horrific Twin Towers collapse in New York's terrorist attack last Sept. 11.

The ballroom was packed, and among those present were Gov. **Pablo Garcia**, Cebu City's congressmen **Raul del Mar** and **Tony Cuenco**, Mandaue's congresswoman **Nerissa Ruiz**, PNP's Brig. Gen. **Dionisio Santiago** who made many friends during his stint of nine months here, Cebu's former governor **Lito Osmeña** who has always advocated for federalism, and the three Aboitiz brothers with their beautiful wives—**Jon** and **Chary Aboitiz**, **Bobby** and **Marian Aboitiz** (he is honorary consul of Netherlands here), **Mikel** and **Robin Aboitiz**.

CHRISTIANA Wasfy and Arts Council president Petite Garcia

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Anti-rabies drugs are prohibitively expensive

THE ALARMING rabies situation in the country and recent cases of dog bites are urgent calls for the government to do more than its rabies-awareness campaign held once a year. High cost and unavailability of anti-rabies vaccines are a major concern considering that the number of recorded bites from rabies animals is increasing. The World Health Organization (WHO) pointed out, matter of fact, that rabies vaccine in most developing countries is expensive and in short supply or non-existent. That, to us, is an understatement. An anti-rabies vaccine can go as high as P22,000 for a full five-shot regimen, which was the amount paid by the parents of a 12-year-old boy who was bitten by a cat with rabies.

Eleven years ago, we interviewed current Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit (who was then head of the DOH field and epidemiology and training program). He already realized the high cost of treatment after being bitten by a rabid dog. According to him, it could cost victims P8,000-9,000 for the vaccine.

Needless to say, death from rabies this year has become quite alarming. In addition to three deaths recorded in Antipolo recently, and 12 people bitten by one rabid dog in Zamboanga, there are increasing cases of animal bites treated at San Lazaro government hospital.

Interviews with officials of San Lazaro Hospital and the immunization and disease control section Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) show that 200,000-400,000 people are bitten by dogs a year. Total number of confirmed rabies cases recorded by BAI was 2,098 for year 2000, but this increased to 2,550 last year. According to the officials, 99 percent of these animals are dogs, and Region 3 has the highest number of rabies cases. They also estimate 7 million dogs nationwide. However, only 500,000 of the targeted 800,000 have so far been immunized against rabies this year.

P22,000 for rabies shots

Twelve-year-old Alvin Evangelista was bitten by a kitten. His parents brought him immediately to San Lazaro hospital where he was immediately given two anti-infection injections. That wasn't the end of the story, however. The doctors told them to observe the kitten for symptoms of rabies infection such as restlessness, roam-

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Marietta Velasco Giron



ing, irritability, viciousness, disorientation, cannot stand air and water, salivation, etc.

The kitten died, and laboratory tests confirmed rabies infection. The Evangelistas were advised that Alvin needed shots of anti-rabies vaccines, administered immediately to protect him from being infected. Unfortunately, they were told the boy was allergic to the only vaccines available that time at the hospital. They were advised to buy five vials of the vaccine called human rabies immune globulin or HRIG.

It was a nightmare, according to the couple who had to borrow money from friends and relatives to add to the P4,500 donated to them by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes.

Total cost of HRIG, which the couple bought at RITM, was P22,718. Their problem now is how to pay back the money they owe friends and relatives.

What to do with dog and cat bites

Health authorities gave the following advice on what to do when a per-

- son is bitten by a dog or cat.
- Force the wound to bleed.
- Wash wound with soap and water to remove microorganisms and reduce chances of infection.
- Follow this by application of ethanol, tincture or aqueous solution of iodine.
- Victim should go to the doctor right away.
- For help, call San Lazaro Hospital at 732-3776 to -78. Be forewarned that they may not answer right away, or may not answer at all if it is nighttime, as we experienced. Moreover, the answering clerk could be curt to the point of rudeness.

Last but not least, be prepared to spend money, although San Lazaro is a government hospital. Your patient could be allergic to the available inexpensive anti-rabies vaccine and you may have to buy the P22,000 vaccine as experienced by the Evangelista couple.

We thank the following health authorities for their information: Dr. Casiana Malantic, head of the outpatient department of San Lazaro; Dr. Angel Antonio Mateo, chief of Philippine Animal Health Center, Bureau of Animal Industry; Dr. Leonilo R. Resontoc, officer in charge of BAI immunization and disease control; and Marilou Crisostomo of WHO.

Consumers complain

PARENTS of students at Dominican College in Sta. Rosa are protesting against the school administration for requiring their students to wear new uniforms and accessories that are so designed that they cannot be worn next school year.

"Girls in high school are required to wear neckties with the name of the school and their specific year. For their physical education classes, they are supposed to buy two new sets of uniforms that include a pair of jogging pants and a blazer type top with new identification designs."

"On the other hand, the shirts of boys in grade school have a new design. The name of the school is embroidered on the collar with blue border. Their grade level is also printed, which makes it impossible for younger brothers to use the same uniform next year. New socks with the name of the school are also required."

The parents are in uproar because, according to them, they were neither advised nor consulted about the changes in school uniform.



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PINKY Puyat Nepomuceno, Philip and Sandy Romualdez and Lizette Cojuangco



EPDC president Joey R. Puyat, EPDC chair Jose G. Puyat, Ed Roxas, Patxi Elizalde and lawyer Noel Laman

Beach hideaway in Batangas launched

KAWAYAN Cove, the best-kept secret in Nasugbu, Batangas, was formally launched recently at the Patio of the Makati Shangri-La. Over 500 friends and associates of Kawayan Cove developer, Edge Properties' Jose G. Puyat Jr. and family, toasted the debut of the beach hideaway formerly known as Bamboo Beach.

Bingle Razon Puyat welcomed early birds Rosie Valencia, Chang Bernasconi, Boling Tuason-Reyes, Conchita Razon, Dolly Teehankee, and bowling champion Paeng Nepomuceno greeted sisters Marissa Carmona-Chan and Annie, Rosemarie and Tony Villareal, Luli and Jeri Jacinto, Rene and Fortune Ledesma. Joe Hagedorn reminisced with Vicky Hagedorn-Soriano and husband Andy III.

Liza Lesaca-Viola, Lawrence Lesaca, Cristina Pou and Michelle Marl shared childhood memories with Dixie Mabanta and the Fores family: Margarita, Joe, Bledes, Oye with wife Malou, and mother Maria.

Next-door Nasugbu neighbors Isabel Caro Wilson, with son Stuart and daughter Claudia Tambunting, and Pael Romualdez were there as well as Ed Roxas and Pedro Roxas and wife Gina.

A string quintet serenaded the crowd. Edu Manzano hosted the event. Guests were treated to a photo exhibit of aerial photos by Neal Oshima and ground shots by Lita Puyat depicting the beach in its many moods, from sunrise to twilight. The photos were also viewed on a giant video screen, accompanied by poetry for Kawayan Cove by Krip Yuson and New Age rebirth-theme music.

Edge Properties president Joey Puyat and general manager Rona Torres-Tan received Kawayan Cove's architect Andy Locsin and business and marketing consultant Donny Pile of Excore.

Ed Puyat and wife Dixie ushered in Louie Paul and Sandra Jalbuena, Randy and Pia Young, Manny and Camille Santos, Gil and Sequi Cu-Unjieng, Tinette Ozamiz-Puyat, Karen Santos, Sigalit Djemal, Aida and Gregg Marshall, Mia Borromeo, Mon Patemo and Gianna Montinola, Cesar and Bambina Buenaventura, Ricky and Lizzie Razon.

Marivic Puyat-Limcaoco and husband Bingo greeted Jim and Marilou Lacson, Cecilia and Val Suarez, Pam and Eric Ramirez, Joanna Ongpin-Duarte, Mikey and Lizette Cojuangco, Liaa and Noel Bautista, Martha O. Uy and Marissa O. Concepcion, Rene Banzon and Jerome Velasco.

Also seen were Anton Barretto, Denise Weldon-Minana, Tina and Rose Treichler, Reggie and Moray McAndrew, Tito Uichico, Lor Calma, Silvana Diaz, Chris Lim, Tony Gonzalez, Anton Gonzalez, Derrick and Duane Santos, Patrick Reyno, Tim Yap, Celine Lopez and Victor Consunji, Malou Gamboa, cousins Leica Carpo, Jonjon Rufino and Tessa Prieto-Valdes.

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The food is excellent (try their bouillabaisse). The place has cozy interiors—hip and metropolitan—where you can lounge around with friends. Congratulations to chefs-owners **Markus Gfeller** and **David Pardo de Ayala**, and their business partner **Glenn Garcia**. For reservations, call 757-3600.

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego



We don't need another hero? Bonnie Tyler might not have known what she was really singing because from the success of the movie "Spider-Man" (which grossed \$115 million on opening weekend), it seems people can't get enough of superheroes. In the works are the films of the same genre set to break box-office records as well: "X-Men 2" (to be released May 2003, it stars Hugh Jackman and Halle Berry. Plot:

The X-Men reunite and recruit two new team members—Gambit and Nightcrawler); "The Hulk" (to be released June 2003 and starring Eric Bana and Jennifer Connelly); "Fantastic 4" and "Sub-Mariner" (no information available); "Daredevil" (to be released January 2003 and starring Ben Affleck. Plot: After being hit with a radioactive isotope, a boxer's son loses his sight but gains radar-like ability); and "Spider-Man 2" (to be released May 2004 and starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. Plot: Spider-Man goes against villains Doctor Octopus and the Lizard).

Do you think it's time to rehash Darna, Captain Barbell, Super Guy and Wonder Vi?

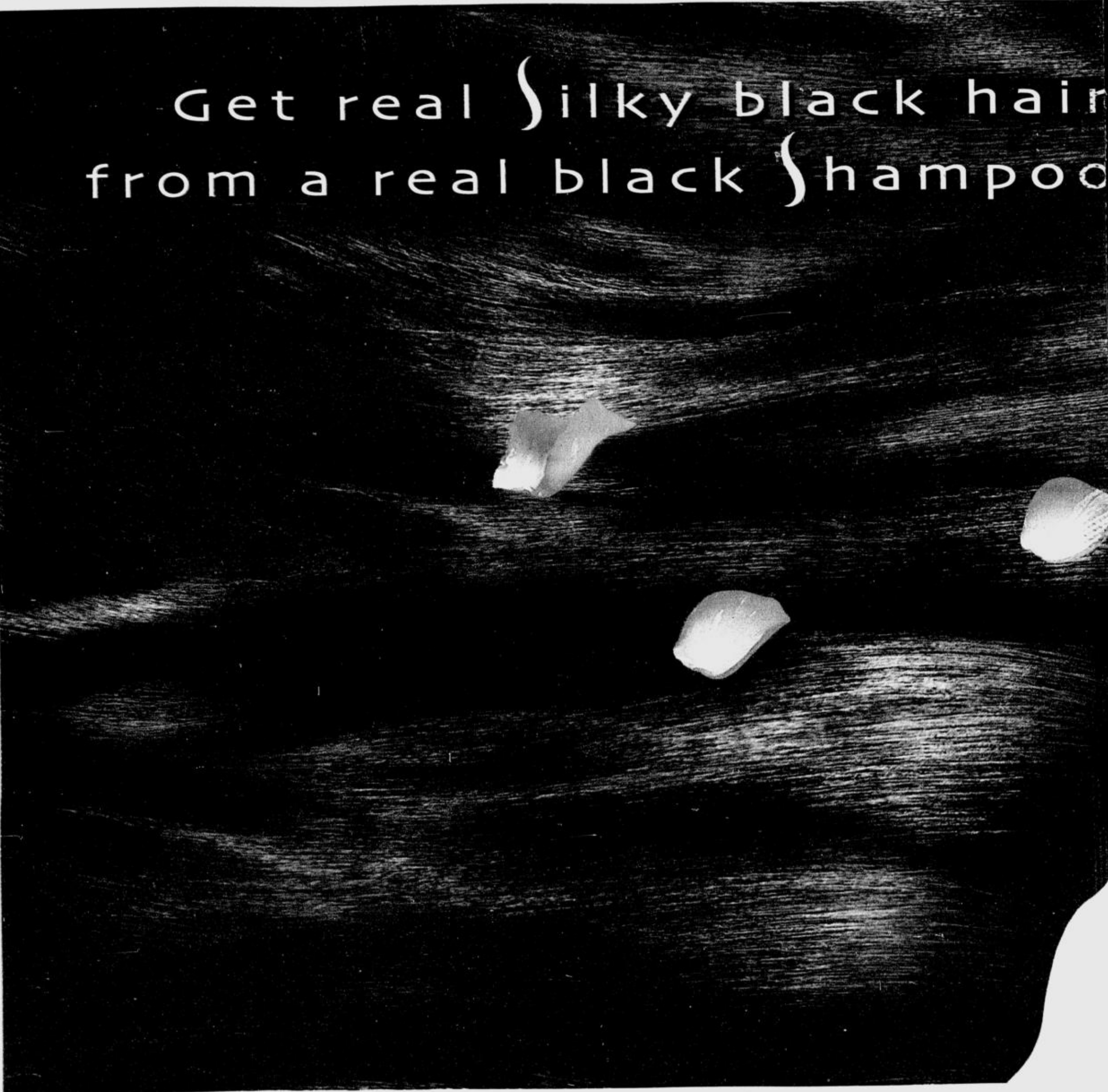
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Hong Kong escapades. Last week I wrote about my Hong Kong trip. What I failed to include were some of my memorable mishaps, for lack of space. So here are the memorable incidents of my trip.

After leaving my friends for dinner I had to proceed to the Peak. In Hong Kong the Peak can be likened to our Forbes Park. The taxi drivers may be perceived as rude. Sometimes I think it's because they don't understand you. Case in point: I took the cab to the Peak and when we got to the street, he told me to get down and walk. So obediently I got down to find the house. After walking about five minutes in a dark road, it turned out to be the wrong street. I called my friend and she told me the correct address, which meant another 10-minute walk uphill. I finally got to the party and was sweating and panting—not a good sign when the lady of

the house greets you in a YSL leopard caftan gown.

I was introduced to the guests and made some small talk. We got to talking about which schools and what we do for a living (akin to when dogs sniff each other to see who's top dog). I told this man that I studied at Les Roches in Switzerland. "Oh really, my friend here went to the same school." He introduced me to his friend. He smiled and shook my hand and was happy to see someone who came from the same school and belonging to the same year. He started recalling names. He asked if I knew a certain Omar. I told him I did and even named his girlfriend. He looked at me quizzically. Then he told me other names, which I said I did not know. Then he named the teachers and I gave a not-too-convincing yes. The exchange continued. "Do you know...?" "My dorm was located...?" etc. To make a long (and uncomfortable) conversation short, he whispered something to his friend and then they both

left. Later on I figured that they might have mistaken the school I went to, which was Les Roches, for Le Rosey, a more exclusive boarding high school (think royalty and wealthy kids) with a tuition 10 times more than what my parents paid for Les Roches.

I moved to speak to this young couple who were in real estate and mall development (think: Henry Sy, Ayalas, etc.). They were so excited talking to a group about constructing their new home. To make conversation, I asked who their architect was thinking that they might name a local architect whom I did not know and to which I could in turn smile and nod my head. They replied, "Oh, Christain Liagre (famous French furniture designer)." My jaw almost dropped. Before I could say anything my brain told me to get a grip of myself and act jaded. So instead of saying "Wow!", I just said, "Really, isn't that nice?"

Disclaimer. Last Sunday in the article "The Blind and the Beautiful," the author **Kitty Go** used a character that

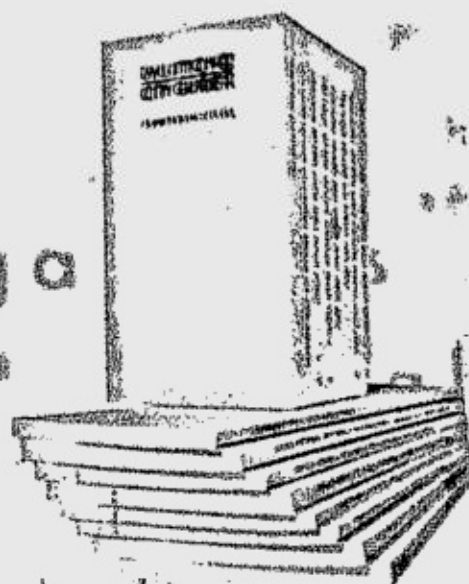
has been associated with me, Constance Brooke San Lorenzo vda. de Pendelton. Ms Go and I used to work together in Preview when she was the publisher and I was its editor. We have never seen eye to eye. We are not friends.

Constance first appeared in this paper and now is a regular in the magazine Philippine Tatler. Constance is a creation of two persons, myself and someone who will remain anonymous for now.

In Ms Go's article, she used Constance to malign people for what purpose and intention I do not know and understand. In hindsight, I think I should have patented the character so that people like Ms Go could not use it.

To set the record straight, I do not write as Constance or use that name.

Mother's Day wishes. To my mother, I want you to know that although this could be the cheesiest song line ever, you are the wind beneath my

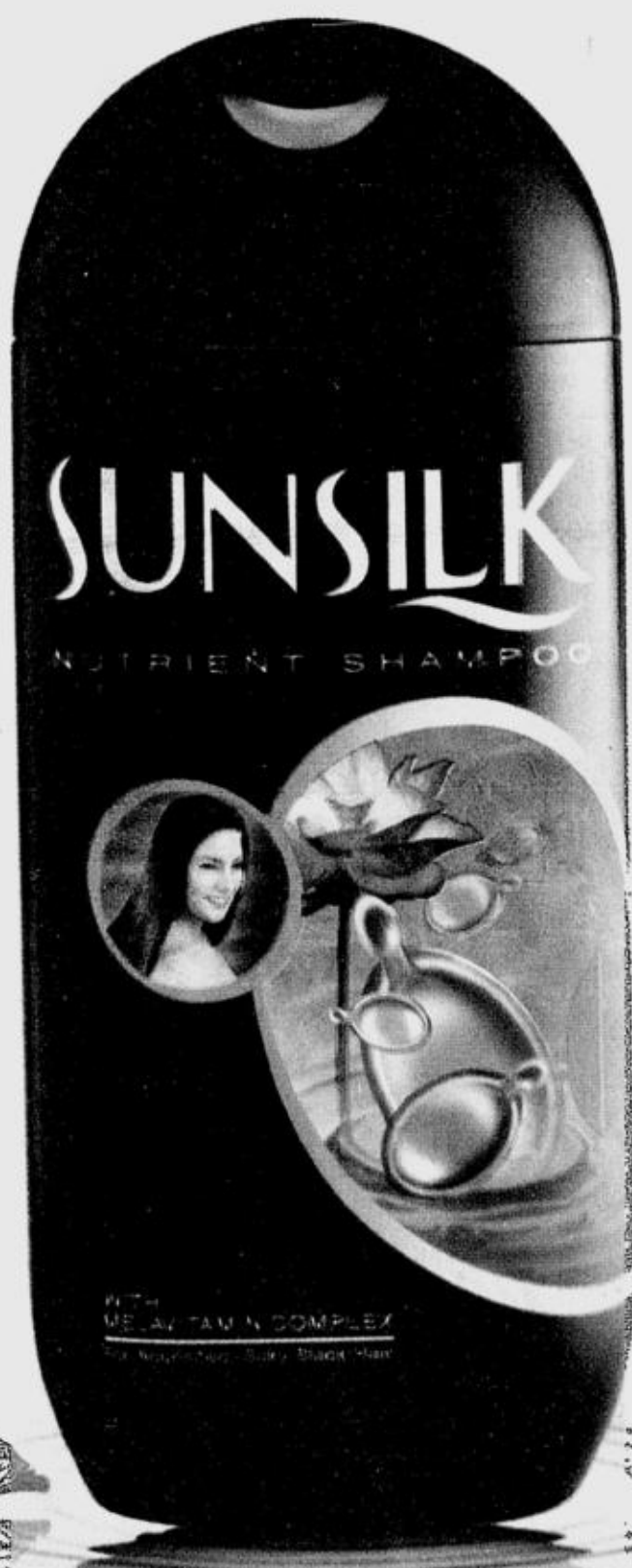


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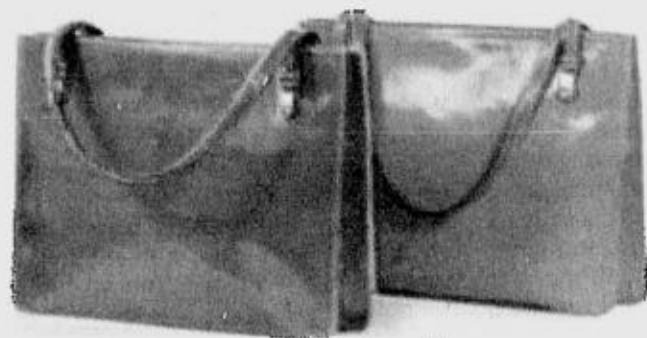
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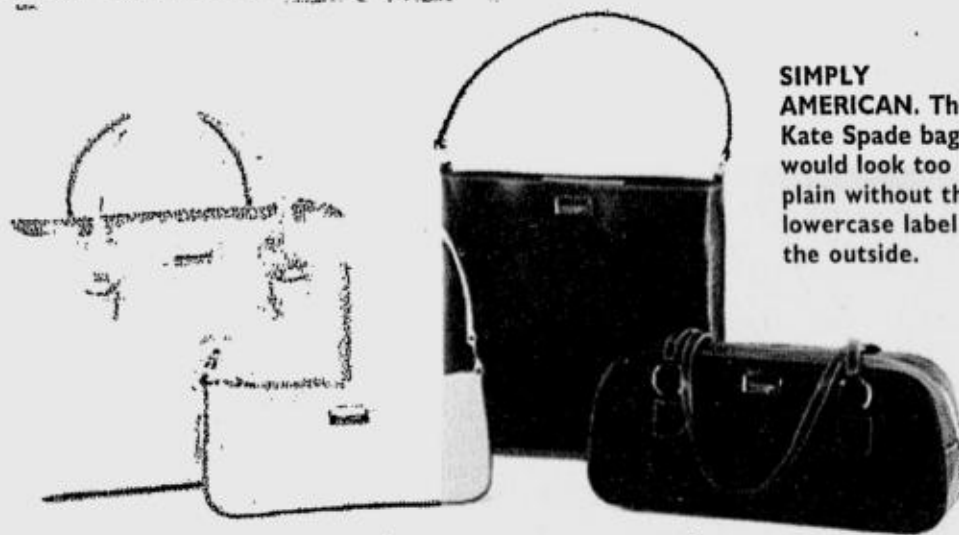
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HANDBAGS designed by Kate Spade herself are her store's mainstays.



SIMPLY AMERICAN. These Kate Spade bags would look too plain without the lowercase label on the outside.

Anton Huang does his own Spade work

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and have not said in their releases anything more than that Kate Spade bags and shoes are available at Mix, Huang wants to assert SSI's claims to the brand before any misimpressions are created.

"To be perfectly honest," says Huang, "nothing was said that wasn't true, but there was a lot of things they were implying." In other words, what was left unsaid was just as important. Huang is wary of what the publicity may imply, which is that the Ocampos hold the franchise to the Kate Spade goods.

It's a free market for the Kate Spade footwear line, admits Huang, but SSI owns the franchise to sell the handbags, stationery, etc. Beginning with the fall-winter collection, according to Huang, if the Ocampos want to continue selling Kate Spade they will have to buy from SSI.

However, Ricco Ocampo maintains that they have not been advised of such and that they have in fact placed their fall-winter orders with New York. He adds that there is nothing wrong with him trying to sell their spring-summer line of Kate Spade shoes and handbags. "We have them in Mix whereas Anton still doesn't have a store and he doesn't even have the goods to sell. We have been selling Kate Spade shoes for two years."



ANTON Huang: "Retail puts you in touch with the customer."



PHOTOS: ROMY HOMILLADA

Huang confirms that Ocampo has been buying directly from New York "but in small amounts, and they had not been really promoting it (the brand)." The Ocampos' move to launch their Kate Spade collection at this time may seem a bit off since the vigorous promotional efforts are for what Ocampo admits is the spring-summer line.

First move

The Kate Spade people reportedly made the first move with SSI. "We were approached by Kate Spade to handle their brand in the Philippine market," says Huang. "The people that are handling their brand now in the international market—we've been

dealing with them on their other brands and they've been quite happy with the way we've managed the brands here, like Polo Ralph Lauren, Kenneth Cole, Ferragamo, Lacoste."

The Kate Spade enterprise, now worth \$70 million, started with a handbag which Kate designed out of frustration at not finding a personally suitable bag and which was more utilitarian than chic. The company owes its growth to the creativity and teamwork between Kate and husband Andy.

By the same token, Huang credits the success of SSI to having a good team. Seven years ago when Huang's mother Nedy left the family-owned Rustan's Department Store to focus on running SSI, the company was a stable of a few brands, such as Marks & Spencer, Ferragamo, Episode, Anne Klein, Nine West, Polo and Marlboro Classic. In time the mom-and-son team negotiated more international brands of apparel, shoes and handbags, accessories and jewelry. In SSI's fold now are 500 employees and 31 brands, the most recent of which are the much-touted Bally and the youth-oriented Diesel.

"We have a whole gamut of brands. Some are upscale, like Prada and Ferragamo, and others are more affordable, upscale brands, such as Ferriol, Lacoste, Episode, Anne Klein, Coach, even Polo," says Anton. The list goes on to include personal care brands like Lush and Beauty Bar.

Huang, whose face exudes a sort of boyish cool, is more reflective than you'd expect of someone who's in the fashion business. He says that for SSI, representing a brand depends on "whether or not the line will appeal to the Filipino consumer, whether or not the people behind the brand have the financial and other resources to con-

tinue building the brand because, obviously, if they don't we'd also be affected, and whether or not it's something that from the business perspective is profitable for us."

Has any principal for an international brand ever offered to come to the Philippines with their own investment?

"That's something that we are always open to," says Huang. However, he recalls that the only brand that wants to do that is Starbucks. "When we negotiated Starbucks they did say there would come a time when they'd want to own part of the setup and we said sure."

Huang and cousin Donnie Tantoco negotiated the Starbucks deal. Clearly, for the pair and six other Tantoco grandchildren, it is not true that the third generation spends what the first generation builds and the second generation expands. "We have nothing to spend," he says with a laugh. He would have made his *lola* Glec, who pioneered Rustan's with husband Bienvenido Tantoco, proud.

Inherited love

Huang says he inherited his grandma's and mom's love for retail, the eye for good quality products and their desire to satisfy the customer by providing him with the kind of customer service that he deserves, which lacks in a lot of retail establishments.

"It's lacking I feel still in our own stores, there's still a lot of improvement that can be made,

but that's an ongoing concern of every establishment." SSI schedules trainings almost all year round, he says.

He is pleased to hear that comparatively SSI stores give better service than most other stores. He goes on unannounced visits, although for someone who's out on foreign business trips two weeks of the month it's awfully hard to make the rounds of 156 stores.

But he could go to the Power Plant in Rockwell, for example, and accomplish that mission just by sticking to one floor. Of course, if an employee spots him in Anne Klein, the word will spread around like wild fire and every sales clerk will instantly shape up. SSI brand boutiques are entrenched in the corridors of power at the Rockwell mall. When SSI recently took its employees for an outing and kept its shops locked for the day, Power Plant turned into a ghost town.

Since he travels a lot, Huang would rather spend his off-work time with his wife Nina and their daughter Nicky, who is turning 2. "She cooks breakfast for me with her toys," says Huang with fondness and amusement. Indeed, the only occasions where he can be seen socializing are at SSI store or product launchings. It is right on target to say that Huang is no party animal. Neither is he a fashionista, although he knows his business and his clientele extensively, which is quite a sur-

prise for a humanities major (University of Asia and the Pacific).

"We have made a deliberate move so our goods are cheaper here than Singapore and even Hong Kong. Armani Exchange, for example, is cheaper here than Hong Kong. "We are also up to date with the goods we carry. At the most we're only a month late. We follow the seasons abroad," says Huang.

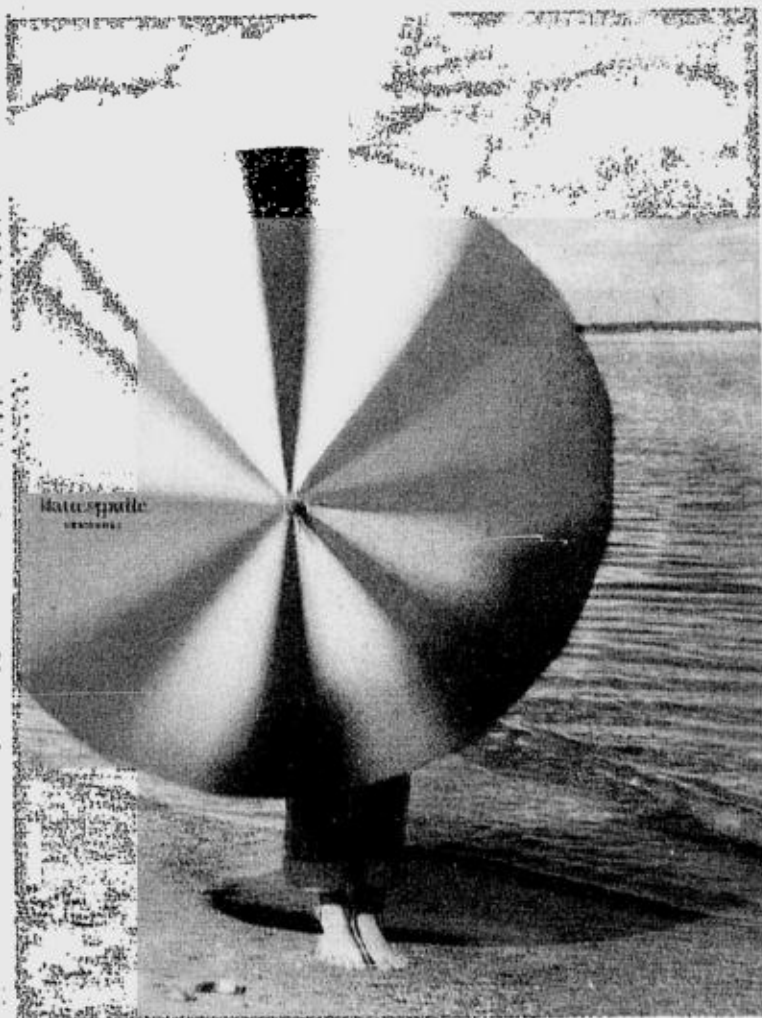
By the end of this year, SSI will have two or three more major brands, according to its executive vice president. "We may have a kids' brand before the end of the year," Huang enthuses.

As for the Kate Spade brand, Huang is hoping the Ocampos will agree to be SSI customers. The New York principals for Kate Spade have reportedly assured him that such would be the case. But if other fashion boutiques want to buy Kate Spade goods from SSI, he admits, he first needs to seek the brand owner's approval. Location will be a prime factor for selling or not selling to another store.

As it is, the Ocampos are selling Kate Spade footwear and handbags at Mix, which is in the same upscale neighborhood where SSI is opening its Kate Spade shop. But if the Anne Klein experience is any indication, there should be no problem with SSI's sales even if the Ocampos continue carrying the brand. Mix has been carrying Anne Klein shoes for years now but that has not affected footwear sales at the SSI-owned Anne Klein stores in the Power Plant, Shangri-La Plaza and other malls.

"SSI takes pride in the fact that we are brand managers, and when we build a brand we focus on the width of merchandise so we have a lot of different styles whereas in a shop of mixed brands, they only have a few pieces of a few styles," says Anton. His Kate Spade shop, he points out with pride, will carry handbags, shoes, stationery, eyewear—in short, the entire Kate kit and caboodle.

Visit the Kate Spade website at www.katespade.com for more photos



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SMALL leather goods from Kate Spade

When exchanging pleasantries isn't so pleasant

By Genea Padilla
Contributor

RIGHT after waking up this morning and on my way to the kitchen for that ever-important first cup of coffee, I realized we had a guest in the house. A pest more like, actually. One of those far-flung relatives you haven't seen in ages and don't really care to. She started to chat my sister up and, by way of greeting, she said, "You look so skinny, and what happened to your sister? She's so big!" (I guess she thought she was being polite by not saying "fat.") I just gave her an evil look and went back

Why is it that when Filipinos see friends, their way of greeting is a comment on appearance ('Hoy, ang taba mo!') or an awkwardly personal question ('Ilan na anak mo?')

to the more important business of caffeine.

Just then I was reminded of an interesting observation made by a non-Pinoy friend a long time ago. It was posed as a question; he asked why was it that when Filipinos saw friends—and surprisingly more so with acquaintances—their way of greeting was a comment on each other's appearance: "Hoy, ang taba mo ngayon!" Or an awkwardly personal question, "Ilan na anak mo?" (with the somewhat accusatory tone) when in truth you probably have none, you're not even married or seeing anyone, you're gay/lesbian or all of the above and it just so happened that you gained some weight—a throwback to the other version of greeting, I guess).

I have yet to survive a gathering where those kinds of greetings—the flat-out negative or the dubious compliment—do not abound

whether addressed to me or to somebody else. Almost everyone does it, young and old alike.

Having been on the receiving end of such greetings myself for as far back as I can remember ("Hija, you're too tall! How will you find a husband?" "What did you do to yourself? You're so dark!"), I must say I don't like it and may I be struck by lightning if I join in. I find it quite rude and tell them off bluntly whenever I can—moments like these you'll find my mother whispering a quick prayer through her smile for the Almighty to help me hold my tongue.

By the way, if I have failed to illustrate it somewhere in the jumble, relatives, especially those you aren't close to and therefore know little about you, are usually the most brutal.

I'd like to think this is not a Pinoy thing. I truly believe we do not have the corner on stupid and/or insensitive opening remarks. But I

wonder if over-familiarity and conversational ineptitude—fear of dead air if you will—are our defining low points.

Other side of the coin

I don't know if it's a statistical fact, but most Pinoyos also have difficulty receiving a compliment. The simple act of acknowledging one with polite thanks ends up becoming a major production. We tug at our clothing, hemming and hawing before stuttering a bashful "thank you" or worse, we contradict the compliment-giver. It may be due to that all-too-Asian trait of self-deprecation. In my case, it's probably because I do not give compliments lightly so I have a hard time accepting them, especially those casually given. But I'm working on it.

Speak no evil

Somewhere along the way I picked up this very helpful piece of advice: "If you have nothing good

to say, just shut up." Although it's not something that comes naturally to me, I find that it has made my life a lot simpler and allowed me to avoid the pitfalls of modern-day socializing that for the uninitiated or those seeking approval leaves very few options: (a) to agree with the majority regardless of your beliefs (read: lie) or (b) deliver a nasty quip, a popular answer also for the unsure.

I guess it helps that I'm comfortable with silence and occasionally give the evil tongue a break by going on a bashing binge (with my closest associates and behind closed doors) to get it all out of my system. Even so, "hear no evil, speak no evil and see no evil" won't do for me; the only time I'll manage to be deaf, dumb and blind all at the same time is when I'm dust.

PHA to hold 33rd convention and scientific meeting

SINCE 1952, the Philippine Heart Association has been warning people to take care of their hearts if they wish to live longer. I am suffering from ischemia so I listen carefully to what the PHA says because I definitely want to live longer.

Preparations are now being done for the 33rd annual convention and scientific meeting May 22-25 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. The event falls on the golden anniversary of the PHA.

Bishop Joel Baylon of the Diocese of Masbate will open the convention with a Mass at 9 a.m. at the Isla Ballroom upon the invitation of Dr. Romeo Santos, PHA secretary.

Looking back to 50 years ago, the PHA was organized on March 26, 1952 upon the initiative of Dr. Mariano Alimurong who was assisted by Dr. Jose Barcelona, Dr. Antonio Samia, Dr. Isidro Perterra, Dr. Conrado Dayri and Dr. Florentino Herrera Jr. In the original roster were 23 regular members and 28 associate members.

Dissemination of information on how to take care of the heart was done through radio on Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, 1953.

Today, the PHA is using a quarterly "Puso sa Puso" media forum at the National Press Club. Also, the PHA Newsbriefs (a newsletter) is published monthly.

In 1997 up to 2002 the PHA and Servier Philippines held a series of symposia concerning "other concerns of the heart" with prominent cardiologists and personalities like Education Secretary Raul Roco, Sen. Rene Saguisag and Bishop Soc Villageas.

From 23 regular members, there are now 900 cardiologists spread out all over the country

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Josephine Darang



who belong to PHA. There are chapters in Bacolod, Iloilo, Cebu, Davao, Baguio, Ilocos, San Fernando, La Union; Batangas and Laguna, according to Dr. Edgar Ortiz, PHA president.

Dr. Gregorio Patasil, in his lecture on hypertension during the last "Puso sa Puso" media forum, suggested a change of lifestyle—less smoking, less drinking, eating healthier foods and exercise—to prevent high blood pressure attacks after he pointed out the root causes of hypertension. My friend Ging Ong reminded me to take my medicine faithfully, which I am doing every day.

Miracle in Naic

WHEN I drove up with friends to Naic on May 1 for the fiesta of the Sto. Bambino de Araceli, I met husband and wife Rafael and Lilia Gutierrez of Tanza, Cavite. They told me that they attend Mass at the chapel of the Bambino every Saturday.

The chapel was built by lawyer Romeo and Dr. Lourdes Echaz 11 years ago. In their 70s, Ms. Gutierrez told me that she was able to walk again after being bedridden and her husband Rafael was cured of cancer.

The Holy Mass at 2 p.m. was officiated by former Imus Bishop Manuel Sobrevinas with Msgr. Jaime Mora, Fr. Nestor Abad, Fr. Ricardo Salazar, Fr. Ariel de los Reyes, Fr. Omer San Diego and Fr. Andy Manaog, parish priest of the Sto. Niño de Ternate Parish.

There were many people who came watching and dancing with the 11 groups doing the *caracol*.

Lawyer Echaz said that his family had shared the devotion to the Bambino. He prepared food for everyone who came.

Those who wish to have prayer cards can write to me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for easier mailing.

St. Pancratius fiesta today
CARMEN Bayot Garcia is in her 80s, but she still manages to oversee the novena to St. Pancratius May 3-11 at the Paco Park chapel. Fiesta Mass today (May 12) is at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The chapel falls under the jurisdiction of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Church on San Marcelino Street.

In the '50s, Tita Mameng, as she is fondly called by everyone, remembers being part of a procession that transferred the image of St. Pancratius from an old chapel on Calle Concepcion to the parish church.

Her husband Manolo was one of those who carried the *andas*. With them was her first cousin Belen Gana Castillo and the latter's husband Jose Castillo Jr.

When St. Pancratius was moved to Paco Park, Tita Mameng asked then mayor Arsenio Lacson to have the chapel air-conditioned for it would be very hot as the chapel was made of bricks and cement. The mayor said yes.

Since then, Tita Mameng sees to it that the 9 a.m. Mass every 12th of the month is held. St. Pancratius is the patron of good health and good jobs. If you are jobless at the moment, ask for his help.

Padre Pio canonization on June 16

SOME news releases say that the canonization of Blessed Padre Pio

is June 26. Not so, please be guided accordingly.

Sally Maddatu went to San Giovanni Rotondo last month and checked. Padre Pio will be made a saint on June 16 in Rome.

Sally's travel agency, World's Wonders Inc., will proceed to Medjugorje after the canonization. Those who are interested can call her at 726-6162 or 716-3253.

Home for elderly priests
BISHOP Rolando Tria Tirona, together with the clergy and elderly priests in the diocese of Malolos, will lead in the concelebrated Mass and blessing of the first structures of the Bahay-Pari Complex on May 18 at 9 a.m. in barrio Malipampang, San Ildefonso, Bulacan.

This is certainly good news for retired, elderly and sick priests of the diocese. Dr. Pag-asa Guanlao donated 1½ hectares of land for this purpose. It was difficult raising funds, but God provided.

More funds are still needed for this endeavor. Those who wish to help can write Bishop Rolando Tria Tirona c/o The Bishop's Residence, Malolos, Bulacan.

The complex includes a pavilion that can accommodate 250 people who wish to hold a retreat, a fellowship and even social activities. Please call the office of Bishop Tirona at (044) 791-0326/0412.

Our Lady of the Abandoned in Mandaluyong

ASIDE from the churches in Sta. Ana and Marikina, there is another church in Hulo, Mandaluyong that is dedicated to the Our Lady of the Abandoned. The feast, however, is on May 19.

My column on Our Lady of the Abandoned last Sunday in-



ST. Pancratius in Paco Park Chapel



CARMEN Bayot Garcia, devotee of St. Pancratius

creased awareness of this particular title of the Virgin. The ad hoc committee that made pos-

sible the Episcopal coronation today by Bishop Tom Yalung and President Macapagal-Arroyo in Marikina is headed by Dr. Romeo Cruz as chair.

The members are Brothers Jose Cruz, Conrado Justo, Rico Adriano and Dino Carlo Santes, Sisters Virginia Domingo, Luz de Guzman, Ma. Lourdes Victorino and Liberty Ano, lawyer Raymundo Senga and Fr. Rey Crucero.

Hermanos mayores are Rafaelito de Guzman and Jean de Guzman. *Hermana menor* is Perlita Raz vda. de Lu who will be escorted by her son Celso Lu. To crown the Sto. Niño held by the Virgin is Msgr. **Robinson Wijesinge**, secretary of the Papal Nuncio.

Need for sewing machine
IS there anyone out there who has an old but still functional sewing machine? Two sisters who finished high school in Culion, Palawan would like to earn by sewing. They have studied dressmaking.

There is only one *modista* in the whole of Culion because the other one died already. Those who wish to help can beep me at 141-020543. Thank you for your kindness.

Ermita fiesta on May 19
NOVENA Masses at 6 p.m. are ongoing until May 18 at the Nuestra Señora de Guia Parish in Ermita. Fiesta Mass is 5 p.m. on May 19. *Hermana mayor* this year is Dr. Carol Rogge. Tony Adriano will decorate the altar and the church.

On May 18, 9:30 a.m., there will be a *kasalang bayan* for live-in couples. The wedding is free.

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A LARGE group of Japanese businessmen from different companies arrived in the Philippines on a mission of mercy. One of the institutions that benefited from the generosity of the Japanese mission was the Elsie Gaches Foundation in Parañaque, which received several wheelchairs for its physically disabled wards.

He wants rescuing from loveless marriage

DEAR Tita Dulce,

My friend's boyfriend since high school had to marry another girl in a shotgun wedding. They now have a 7-year-old child.

He has built a house and says he has to live with his wife for the child's sake. He said their marriage was not valid because they neither obtained a marriage license nor signed any document at the end of the wedding ceremony. They always quarreled, he said, and he had no love for her.

He is my friend's first love. He still loves her, and they continue to see each other secretly. Recently, he told her he wanted to leave his wife and child, and marry my friend. She doesn't know what to do, and is thinking of leaving town to get out of this situation. The guy wants to leave town, too.

My friend asked me to advise her, as well as the guy. I'm at a loss myself, so what will I tell them?

SAM

The guy's marriage is on the rocks, he and your friend are in love, and the solution seems to be for them to run away and get married.

That may be great as a blurb on the back cover of a romance novel, but your friend has realized that in a plot like that, the happy ending would depend a lot on her. She probably sensed the unfairness of her role that's why she's thinking of leaving town to avoid being cast in it.

I don't blame her. I think the guy, and not your friend, should bear the burden of producing the happy ending because it is his life, not hers, that is tied up in knots. As it is, he is acting like a damsel in distress and asking your friend to rescue him.

He should first settle the matter of his marriage. Where was it held, and why—if it is true—they did not sign any document? He should look up the record of their marriage in the registrar's office of the city or town where they were the wedding took place or go to the National Statistics Office. If no record exists, then legally speaking, I suppose there was no marriage. If there is such a record, he should

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce



get a lawyer to help him contest it in court, since he said he did not sign any marriage contract. He will also need a lawyer if he files for annulment.

He should discuss marriage with your friend only after his marriage has been annulled.

Before that happens, he and your friend should avoid seeing each other. Getting his marriage annulled would already be a scandal where they live, even without your friend appearing as "the other woman."

If he can find a good-paying job in another city (he will also need money for the lawyer), then he should leave town. If his options are not any better in another town, then he should stay where he is, save money for the legal expenses, and try not to drag your friend into the fray. Your friend should think carefully before uprooting herself from her family, her work and friends.

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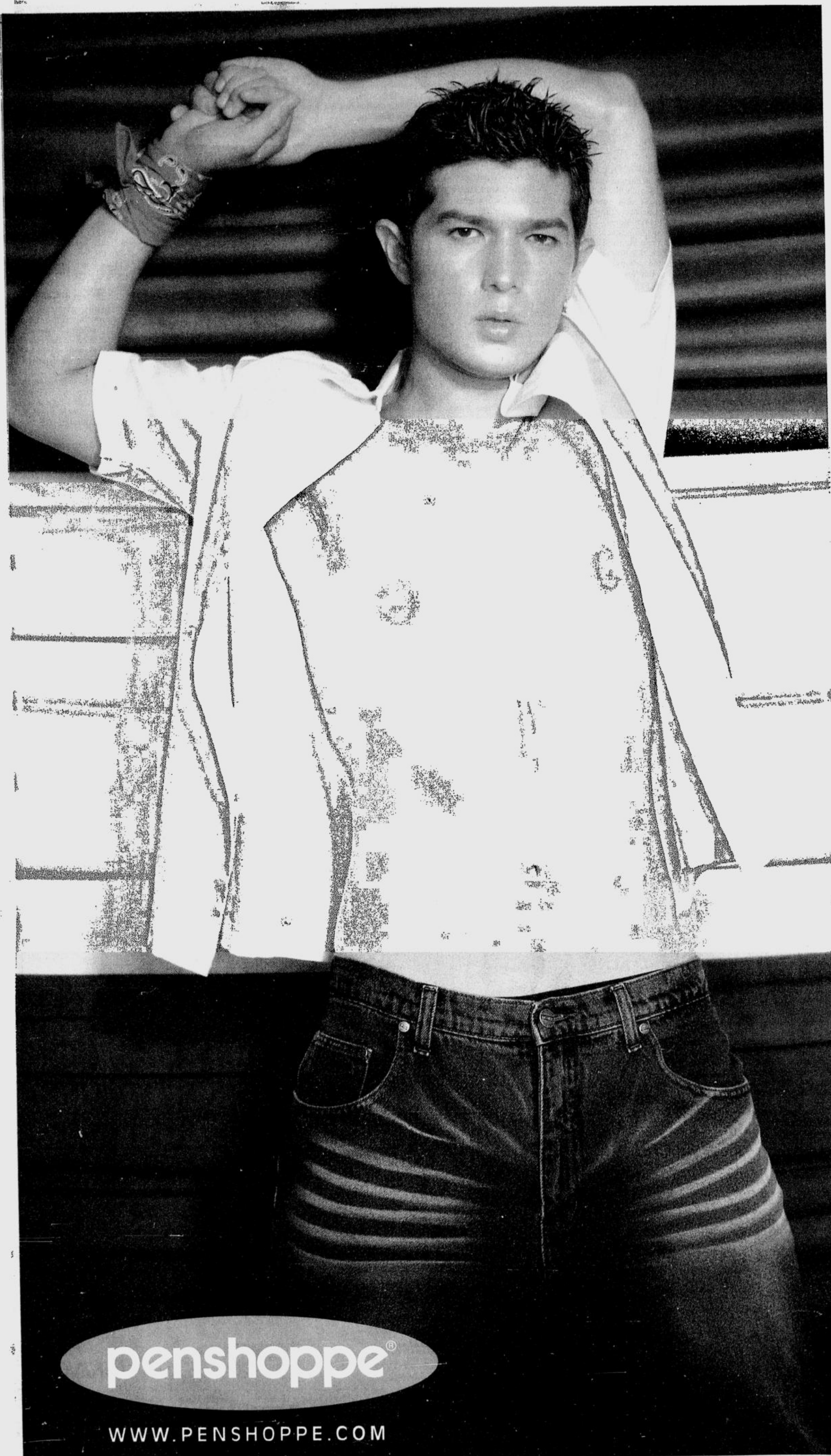
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Sunday LIFESTYLE



DR. Nestor and Lucila Almazan, 51 years after with the winning entry, a Hallmark Valentine card dated 1955

WHEN the young Dr. Nestor Almazan wooed schoolteacher Lucila Amoranto Gonzales in the late '40s, the frenetic period of reconstruction after the war, the smitten young man resorted to the use of cards to express his feelings.

On Christmas of 1949, Almazan sent his very first greeting card to the object of his affection. It read: "Dearest Lucila, You're the one who brings a glow/To all my Christmas Days.../For, Darling, you're the one I love/The one I love the best." But the young man apparently had not yet decided that the schoolteacher was the one for him. He could not stop

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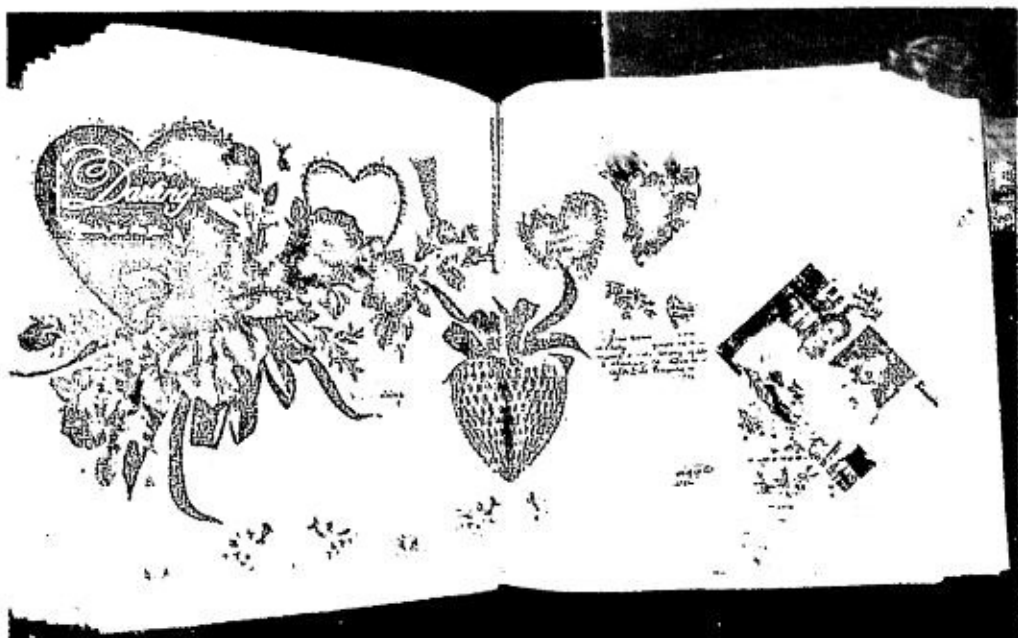


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Couple still marks special occasions with cards



From page G1

himself from asking her, "Which card did you get—the one with the candles or the one with bells?"

Gonzales got the card with the bells. "Dala-wa pala kami," she groaned.

But two years later, she got both bells and candles when she married her doctor admirer. The young man happened to get high marks from the young woman's grandmother, who liked him for being *tahimik*, *mabait*, *walang bisyo at mayroong bukid*.

As was the custom in those days, the couple secretly wed first. The church wedding followed later.

Before they got married, Gonzales suggested to her suitor that they keep each other's greeting cards and letters. It had a particular significance to the young woman, because "Nestor was the only man I wrote love letters to." He appreciated that and kept all her letters, but one day his maid accidentally threw them into the fire. After they got married, she let her husband do all the letter-writing and greeting card-giving: "He is the one that has the gift of words and verse," she says. In ex-

ON THEIR wedding day

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Couple still marks special occasions with cards

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change for all his thoughtfulness and sweet words on special occasions, she cooked him his favorite dishes every day.

"I used to send her cards three times a year, on Christmas, Valentine's Day and her birthday. Lately I've been sending her also Mother's Day cards," says Almazan.

Gonzales has kept all the cards in two thick albums that she had especially made. "In

those days," recalls Almazan, "when you buy a greeting card, it comes in its own box [and] looked precious."

The albums hold all the cards Almazan has given his wife, including the very first Christmas card he sent her in 1949, the first birthday card in October 1951, and the first Valentine card in 1951. Curiously, the cards were all Hallmark cards, which apparently were already available in Manila before National Bookstore became its official distributor in

1974.

The doctor's Valentine card to his wife in 1955 brought the couple national attention. In February this year Wave 89.1, the INQUIRER and Hallmark ran a contest for the sweetest and most endearing dedication on a Valentine's card. The couple's grandchild, Lucille Almazan, a student of La Salle-Dasmariñas, entered the 1955 Valentine card.

It read: "To my affectionate wife whose unflinching devotion to me is incomparable, I dedicate this poem with all that is in this world. Through all these years we have lived together/you have always been as poignantly sweet as a flower/the most uniquely lovely woman with a heart so pure/There's nobody like you, nobody yes, I assure/and all your life long you're going to know that there is someone/who loves you as he never has loved anyone/For this end let it be known to everyone/That you are and always shall be my Valentine till the end of time."

Aside from the prizes they received, the couple was featured in a huge billboard on Edsa with the winning card. The couple used the opportunity to talk to the younger generation about traditional and "old-fashioned" values and virtues, especially in matters of courtship, marriage, parenting and work.

"Times may change, there may be cable TV and the Internet, but the traditional values—the sanctity of marriage, love and respect among members of the family, honesty and hard work—will remain the same."

The doctor has been in a wheelchair since he suffered several strokes from high blood pressure. He is now 78 years old, while his wife is 72. But Almazan continues to look forward to giving his wife more greeting cards on Christmas, Valentine, birthday and Mother's Day.

For the couple, greeting cards always mark significant occasions, not jewelry or anything expensive.

Gonzales said the cards would "be there for our grandchildren and great grandchildren to remember us. These cards are our life, they are our memories, and I will always treasure them."

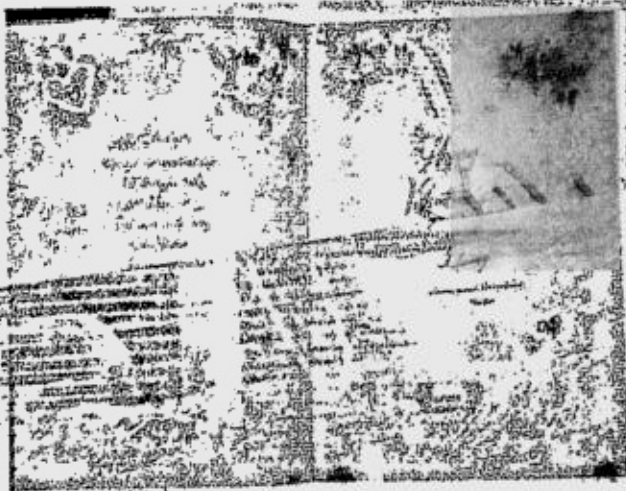
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Providing the abandoned that needed loving touch

By Marlet Salazar

Each child, whom she lovingly calls "my baby," touched her heart in different ways

"HUA, where did you come from?" "Heart. From your heart Mama."

THAT'S FOSTER mom Virginia Zaragoza-Jugo talking to one of the many babies she selflessly showers with love and affection as if they were her own.

When the call of fostering came to 57-year-old Jugo, it did not surprise her family. Her generosity and compassion rooted from her parents who took less fortunate relatives under their wing and sent some deserving ones to school. She happily recalls how she grew up in a big family of nine siblings with relatives and cousins sharing the house with them. She raised five wonderful kids of her own.

When her youngest stepped into the adolescent world, she missed having a baby in the house. Jugo or Tita Ginny to many, started giving temporary home to newborn babies up for adoption since 1994. Inspired by the then program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development called Share-A-Home, Jugo contacted CRIBS (Create Responsive Infants by Sharing). "The moment I saw the babies, I felt that I want to bring them all to my house and take care of them," she said. Often asked why she chose to foster a baby, "Maybe it's the mother in me that keeps me in doing it."

Preparing a child to live with a permanent family is no mean feat. But Jugo is fortunate to have a family who shares her fondness for kids. "Since we had babies in the house, (my own children) tend to

be more caring than they used to be," she relates. When she has to go out of the country, her children make it a point that the foster child is well taken care for like the way their mother would.

Jugo's love for these kids knows no bounds. All of them, while still under her care, stay in her room. She wakes up in the middle of the night when the baby needs tending. "The child needs to be touched, shown love, shown that you care," she said. This makes it easier for the abandoned child to adjust to a new environment.

The adjustment period for the baby was never a problem for her. "At first, they cringe when I touch them because they are not used to that," she said. She admits though that the hardest part of fostering is when the child has to go to a permanent family. But then, Jugo feels that she has to think of others and not so much of the pain separation would bring to her. She, however, advises CRIBS to immediately give her a new baby. "Here's another one who needs my love," she said.

Fostering entails commitment, patience, and plain love for kids. It requires a series of interviews and visits of social workers to make everything in legal order. The Jugo family is a licensed foster family and coordinates with CRIBS and a social worker. Once you get approval, you can now open your doors for these babies.

"The aim of fostering is to let the child have the sense of secu-

rity," Jugo said. She dismisses the issue of trauma for the child when he/she goes from foster parents to adoptive parents. "As long as they are loved I don't think there would be a problem," she said. It is actually the idea of fostering, to help the child prepare for an environment of a family.

Jugo had already encouraged three of her friends to follow suit. "I tell them, 'don't you want to have a living doll in your home?'" She hopes that people who really love babies would go to an orphanage and be able to feel what she felt when she first saw the lifeless eyes of the kids. She wishes that other families would take care of them, feed them the properly, and love them unconditionally.

Each child, whom she lovingly calls "my baby," touched her heart in different ways. To see a tremendous change in the child, both physical and emotional, is one of the most rewarding parts in fostering. The other is to see that they finally adjust to their new family just weeks after the adoption.

So far, Jugo has fostered seven babies already. And there's no sign of her retiring just yet. "I will never



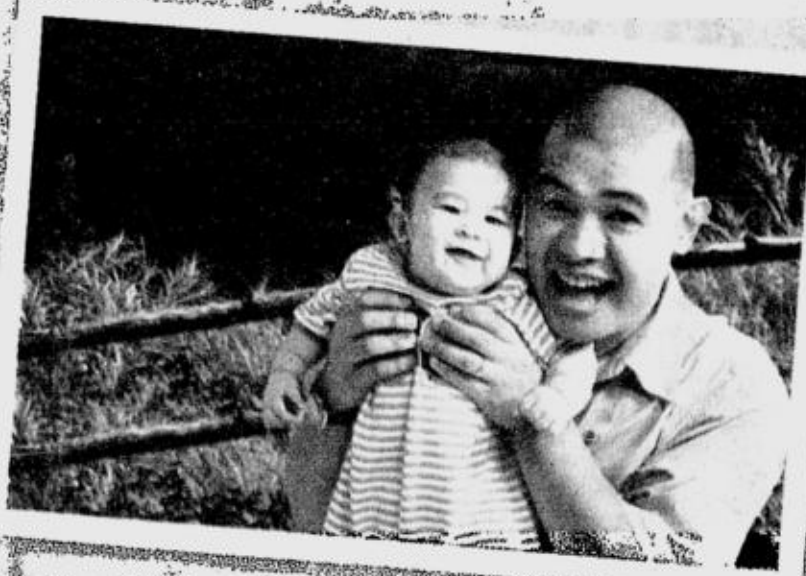
FOSTER parent Jugo: bringing color to an otherwise black-and-white family existence

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stop foster parenting as long as I can. My dream is for every family to have a foster child," she said. It is her way of helping the child bring color to their otherwise

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When money matters, does Mommy still matter?

By Roselle Tenebrancia

MOTHERS, for most of us, are any or all of the following: doting or nagging, comforting or annoying, caring or criticizing, understanding or short-tempered, conservative or independent-minded, motherly or sisterly or friendly or grandmotherly even. Mothers are simply, well, mothers for us. At exceptional moments though, they become our best friends, our confidants, our buddies, or even business partners.

But hardly anyone would consider having his or her mother as partner in putting up a business. Mothers nag. They will scold you if you commit something wrong. They will embarrass you before your friends and colleagues. They will treat you like a child. They will bring up something you did when you were in kindergarten and say that it's

the reason you cannot run the business properly. Those are just the few things that a child might say when asked about partnering with mother dear. Besides, they say that blood relations are to be avoided as much as possible in business partnerships. And mothers, at any rate, will always tend to manifest "motherly symptoms" in business relations with family members, especially with her children, whom she has brought up from her womb. And what about business partnerships with daughters? Doesn't a mother-daughter relation begin and end only with shopping? Other than that, there's nothing else they can talk about without conflict.

However, beyond the screaming matches, the typical nagging, the pointless arguing, three mothers and their daughters share their experiences and problems while working together in their business or profession. **Their stories are on this page, on H3 and H8.**



DENTISTS Nelia Lirios and 'Gidget' L. Tuscana

Mothers, at any rate, will always tend to manifest "motherly symptoms" in business relations with family members, especially with her children

Shopping dentists

3:00 pm. No more appointments on the calendar. "Mommy, let's close the clinic and go to Sta. Lucia mall," suggests Dentist Gidget. Without hesitation, Mommy Nelia answers, "Ok." And off they go the mall.

Nope. That is not a typical day for mother-daughter dentists, Drs. Nelia Lirios and Marie Gertrude "Gidget" Tuscana, who are partners in running their own dental clinic. But if opportunity gives them that privilege to close the clinic early, they will both run off to the mall and go shopping, or window-shopping, together. In 1973, Mommy Nelia put up her own practice at home in SSS Village, Marikina, after resigning from a government agency where she used to work since her graduation from school. She says that she only started out with one dental chair at that time, which her hard-earned money could afford. At that time, she was

already bringing up three children, and she wanted to be always at home to see them. Mommy Nelia always wanted to be a dentist even during her elementary days in Masbate and she pursued dentistry as a career when she came to Manila to study at the University of the East.

While growing up, Gidget, the eldest among the siblings, would always see her Mom in the clinic, and thought that she too would want to become a dentist herself. Without pressure from her mother, she pursued Dentistry in UP. After graduation, though, she considered pursuing the academics over practice, and so took up graduate studies abroad. However, it was her decision to get married and have children that made her choose to practice dentistry and forego further studies.

It was sometime in the early '90s that Gidget joined her mom

in the clinic. Gidget says that her decision was based primarily on convenience since her mother already had a clinic and it offered her more time to take care of her own family. At that time too, Mommy Nelia had already put up another clinic along Marcos Highway in Antipolo for Gidget and they alternated between the two clinics, supervising their associates and treating patients. As some professionals would draw the line between their professional relationships and personal ones, Mommy Nelia and Gidget never thought of doing so. "I call her Mommy in the clinic, even in the presence of our patients. Even our associates call her Tita," says Gidget. "It doesn't matter to our patients because most of them are our neighbors and friends anyway, or their children and relatives. They have known us for years. We even have third-generation pa-

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tients now, whose parents or grandparents have always been Mommy's patients. So there's no point in calling each other Dr. This, Dr. That." They both add that by not being too formal in the clinic, they gain more confidence and trust from the patients because of the close relationship.

When asked about professional conflicts, both of them agree that they do not have them, and perhaps that is one of the reasons their partnership has lasted this long. Mommy Nelia, although still sticking to traditional ways of treating patients the way she knew how, has always been open to new ideas. She knows that Gidget has learned new techniques and skills which she did not learn during her time, and welcomes new ideas in her practice. And Gidget trusts her mother's competence from all her years of

treating patients. Communication lines are open between them and they share ideas during case conferences with their associates. Sharing knowledge seems to be the secret ingredient in their partnership.

There are times, though that some patients tend to compare mother with daughter and prefer the mother to treat them, feeling that she is more competent than her daughter. How does Mommy Nelia deal with that? "I just boast about my daughter's capabilities, and explain to them that she knows newer and better things than I do." But just the same, both of them respect the preferences of their patients and it has not caused them any problems so far.

On the financial aspect, they share income between them. Most of it anyway normally goes to salaries of associates and pur-

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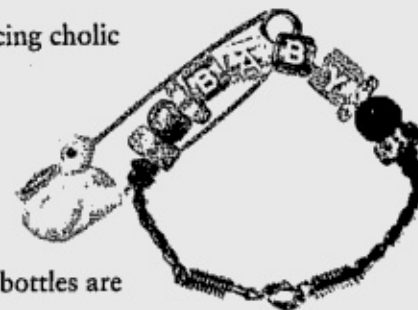
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Catering chemists

"WHEN I already raise my voice and call 'Chichi' or 'Richelle!', she already knows that I mean business," relates Rebecca "Becky" Hacbang when she calls daughter Chichi to help her prepare for the day's work in their catering business. It may seem that it's so motherly of her, rather than businesslike, to do that to her daughter, that is one of the things that makes their partnership work.

Although Richelle Anne, or Chichi, is only 24 years old, her participation in the catering business goes way back since her high school days, when she would bring samples of her mother's concoction for sale to her classmates and friends in school. The partnership may not have been official, but it has made what RSH Food Specialties is now.

Becky has always been interested in cooking, especially after she got married. She would prepare food during parties at home in Pilar Village, Las Piñas City, and their guests would always compliment her for it, to the point that they would ask her to prepare the food for their next parties, which she gladly did anyway. Although she graduated with a degree in Chemistry, her interest in cooking and preparing dishes has never wavered since she started to engage in the food business. She started out by selling fresh meat to friends, neighbors and colleagues at work. At that time she was still employed in a company. When some of the meat were not sold for the day, she would use them to prepare longganiza, tocino and other processed meat, which she would also offer for sale to her regular customers within the Las Piñas area and other adjacent areas.

In 1995, her income from her catering business during the Christmas season was even more than her income from her salary for the year. With that, she decided to resign from her work and engage full-time in her catering business, which was home-based. With company clients keeping her busy, her work in the office had to take a back seat. Still, her background in Chemistry did her good as she was able to take the science of measurements and precision cooking seriously. And when coming up with new recipes, experimentation was the key.

And all this time, Chichi has also always been there to market her products and services. Aside from selling directly to friends, Chichi has also been the "conceptualizer" and the QA (quality assessment) person. "Even if my mom does the cooking and the costing, I am the one instructing her on what new food

business more formal in the aspect of planning and paperwork. Even if Mommy Becky still does the execution, Chichi wants to work on systematizing the whole set up.

So, who has the last say in business decisions? Answers Chichi, sheepishly, "In the end, the final decision is with Mommy. I only suggest. *Pero sa kakukult ko, pumapayag din siya.* At the end of the day, my suggestion becomes the last say because she has agreed to do it anyway." One time, she wanted her mom to study Japanese cooking and food preparation. Mommy Becky didn't agree because

There is no question that both mother and daughter enjoy food—the mother preparing it, the daughter eating it

she said she couldn't do it. After a couple of years of pestering her with it, she finally agreed. As to the financial matters of the business, the usual way of dealing with family businesses is followed. Since their family owns a hauling business as well, they maintain the catering business in the same manner. Money was never an issue between them.

There is no question that both mother and daughter enjoy food—the mother preparing it, the daughter eating it. But their relationship goes beyond cooking and eating. Other than being mother and daughter, and despite the almost 30-year age gap, "Barkada kami ni Mommy." Their bonding activity is shopping, among other things. Personal conflicts are usually settled inside the closet. Why the closet? "Because even if both of us raise our voices, the clothes muffle the sounds," explains both.



BECKY and Richelle Hacbang

to make or cook to expand the menu," says Chichi. Even if Mommy Becky is always open to her bubbly daughter's suggestions, "I always hesitate because I might not be able to do it well." But because of Chichi's persistence, Mommy Becky always gives in and does it with flying colors.

They never come out with a new product without the QA first. Mommy Becky says that her worst critics are her husband and Chichi. But since nothing is spicy enough for her husband, it has always been Chichi's taste that she trusts. Before officially offering a dish in the menu, Chichi has to determine if the quality and the taste of the food passes her standards, so to speak. But both agree that the best dish for them is "Baked chicken with garlic and cheese topping forever!" exclaims Chichi. They often experiment on new dishes, but Mommy Becky says that it is her Chicken and Pork Barbecues that introduced her to the market. They are now contemplating on selling her barbecue sauce and Chichi is handling the concept and packaging of the product.

Both Becky and Chichi have backgrounds in Chemistry, Chichi being a full-fledged Chemical Engineer like her father. However, it seems that food is in their blood. Mommy Becky never took up formal cooking lessons and she learned everything from reading books, observing, and experimenting. But while she sticks to her own ways of cooking and preparing food, Chichi's ideas are always very much welcome. No conflict in cooking styles arise because Chichi is careful not to meddle with the execution aspect. For now, it is clear that cooking pertains to mom, and ideas pertain to Chichi. Even as Chichi works full-time now with DOST she makes sure that she has the time to actively participate in the business. At present, she is concentrating on making the

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Three kids and a mommy

MOTHERHOOD takes centerstage in Lisa Macuja Elizalde's life, now that she has her hands full with a playful little toddler, a precocious pre-schooler and a blooming teenager. Having three kids has changed her life drastically. "If before I'd relish the thought of packing my bags and my ballet shoes, now I'd rather send my dance company and stay home with my family" she discloses with a smile. "My life has changed but I'm very, very happy."

The happiness in her life is evident in the way she adjusts her schedule to make room for time with her kids. "I usually start my day early so I can spend mornings with my children, watching TV, watching cartoons, throwing ball, playing in the garden, swimming, singing, watching cartoons again, and again and again," she recounts with a laugh. Where before she would spend time perfecting her pirouettes and teaching classes for hours on end, her time now is taken up watching "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" for the 12th time with her kids. "With Missy and Macmac we never run out of toddler activities to do even if it's *paulit-ulit*," she recounts amusedly. But she doesn't get tired of playing with her kids. Both kids are currently in the new TV commercial of the milk formula Frisomel and watching the commercial would show you that they are really both quite adorable, mischievous, healthy and bright.

"Macmac, at age one, is already quite a character. He's very *maloko*, very *cariñoso*. He knows how to smile for the camera. He loves dogs. His favorite word is 'dog', 'papa', 'mama', 'tata' for ate. *Napakalambing* at possessive *sa akin*, Missy sometimes gets very jealous *kaya* I have to carry her also," Lisa relates amusedly. Mac is the picture of a happy, even-tempered little child. He is the typical boy, very playful and very gregarious. According to Lisa, he seldom cries even when he was a baby. Lisa says that



also "very *maloko*" even at such a young age, always pushing his older sister to her limit. "Even when he knows that she's already in a bad mood, *lagi niyang niloloko-loko*!"

At his young age, Mac is very alert and very active. He loves the outdoors where he runs around the garden, throws balls and rides his toy car. He's also showing an inclination for the arts. Taking after his dad, businessman and artist Fred Elizalde, Mac likes to paint on his miniature easel. At his tender age, he can handle the paintbrush and mix colors while painting straight little brush strokes. After he completes his masterpiece, he likes to turn around and wait for applause and shouts of "bravo!" from his mom and his *yaya*. Already, Fred and Lisa are dreaming of enrolling Mac at Harvard, Fred's alma mater.

Missy, on the other hand, is showing signs of a junior Lisa Macuja in the making. The little girl is very inclined to the stage, to performing, and to movements. She already knows a lot of ballet movements because she loves to watch her mother at the studio when Lisa dances.

"When I'm dancing, she likes running under or crawling between my legs. I have to watch it. Missy loves to tag along when I do my ballet practice. I'm sure she's going to dance. She's a lot like me, very flexible. She can split, she stretches, she easily touches her toes but I am kind of hoping she won't make it her career. I want her to study and get a degree. I don't want her to feel pressure to follow in my footsteps and be forever compared to me. I want her to go on her own and be her individual self, to shine as herself."

With the Frisomel ads, Missy and Mac got a taste of the limelight. Lisa allowed Missy to star in the first commercial because she used the product on Missy after she ran out of breastmilk. "Missy liked Frisomel a lot and she could finish one can in a week. She really shot up and got healthier. She would really clamor for the milk. So when Macmac was born, I also gave him the product and the results are also great." When the offer from Glaxo SmithKline came for Mac to star with Missy in the next commercial, Lisa immediately agreed because Mac is actually drinking the product and she knew he was not camera-shy and she knew that he was exactly a picture of a Frisohealthy, Frisobright child. When it comes to the two, Lisa is a "stage mother", being present during the entire shoot of the TV commercial. She also enjoys watching her kids on TV and seeing her kids on the newspaper. "*Natalbugan na nga nila ako*," she says with a laugh. "I was in the first commercial and now it's my two kids na. *Wala ako sa eksena*." But Lisa is proud of her two kids and even prouder that they have taken the limelight away from her.

With Sasha, her stepdaughter from Fred's previous marriage, Lisa's relationship is quite different. Lisa is more of an elder sister and a friend than anything. "It's more of an *Atê* relationship," related. "It was hard at first because

madrasta ako. I didn't want to suddenly come in and impose on her rules like curfew and allowance because she was already almost a teenager and I felt I didn't have the right to impose." Slowly, Sasha began to open up to Lisa especially after they traveled together. It is also the love for ballet that brought the two closer together. Sasha is constantly with Lisa in all her ballet tours and in her performances and rehearsals because Sasha is a production assistant of the company. "Today, Sasha and I have a good relationship and I'm thankful that she is over her initial discomfort when I first came into the house and family." One of Lisa's most cherished moments with Sasha was when she saw Sasha carrying Missy when she was still a baby, feeding her, assuming the role of the big ate, accepting her baby sister. "It was very touching," Lisa relates. "Sasha is really enjoying her role as ate to Missy and Mac."

According to Lisa, she has the tendency to get too preoccupied with her two girls and little boy that sometimes Fred feels uncared for. He even competes with her attention sometimes. "But now he understands that

there are certain times of the day I devote to Sasha, to Missy, to Mac, and to him. But at times he makes *cariño* that I put him first," she discloses. So the couple spend time together by watching movies or by just lazing around their home, reading. They also go on out-of-town or out-of-the-country trips but this time with the entire family.

Whatever they do, be it a European vacation or just a good game of throwing ball in the backyard, Lisa is enjoying her newfound life as a mother and homemaker. In fact she can now imagine a life without performing – which would have been unthinkable several years ago. Ballet is no longer the end-all and be-all for her. Her husband and children have become her source of happiness and fulfillment. And it is the everyday moments with Missy, Mac and Sasha that give her utmost joy.

"Motherhood for me means loving and giving as much as you can. A mother must share her time, talent and experience. A child must feel the love of the mother. The inheritance we can give them is a little bit of us that he or she can take with him or her in the future."



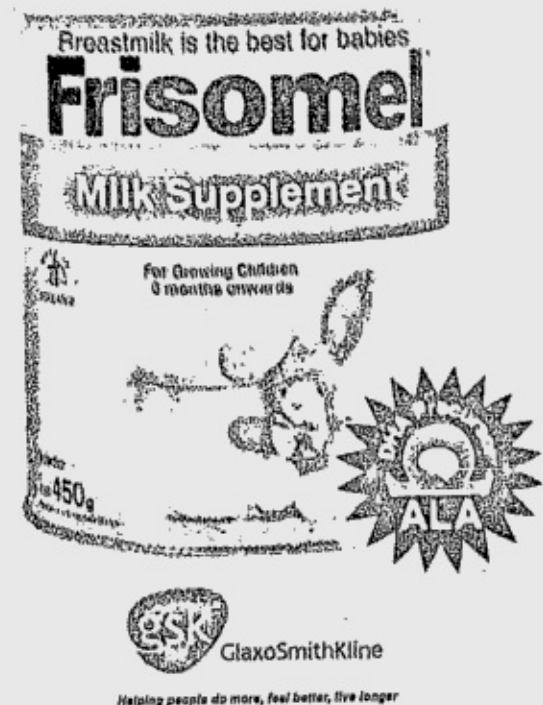
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Ensure, Abbott Laboratories' complete and balanced nutritional, makes this year's celebration of Mother's Day extra special for the whole family as it highlights the ever-growing bond between mother and child through special activities that foster togetherness, and bring us tips to ensure good health and happier living for one's beloved elderly.

Ensure has prepared a Mother's Day treat ongoing until May 14 simultaneously at the Alabang Town Center in Muntinlupa City and Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Mall in Mandaluyong City, where Ensure booths will be set up.

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and counseling. The family can also drop by for the Ensure Pick-A-Gift game. The game will feature different subject categories about mothers, each of which involves questions about mothers and family. Getting the right answer entitles the winner to choose a gift from the premium items that would be made available.

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There's ladies and mini-sizes, stainless steel, steel and gold, or 18-carat gold. For chic and glamorous moms,

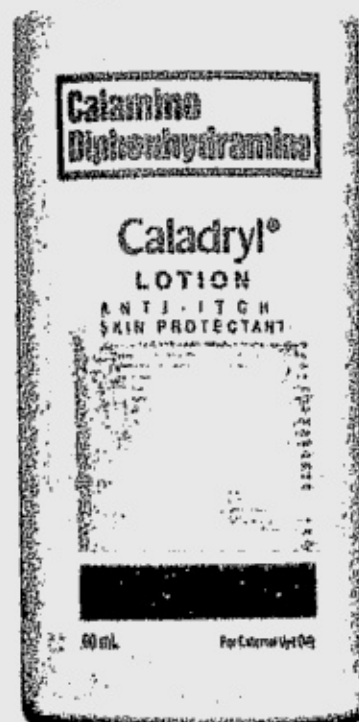
Hermès offers the diamond studded bezel, while sporty moms can choose from a steel bracelet as the second attachment. Standard features are quartz movement, sapphire crystal, and 30-meter water resistance.

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Keep Caladryl at hand, and stop the itch

SUMMERTIME means lots of outdoor time for kids. And when they play outdoors, chances are they would come in contact with elements that are less than agreeable to their sensitive skins. When children's skin gets irritated, they would tend to scratch away, which could lead to further problems.

Insect bites, poisonous plants, clothing, and dust can cause itching. An insect bite or sting can become infected within a few days if the child scratches it too much.

The secret to preventing these complications is to break the itch-scratch-itch cycle. One good way to start is to keep the child's fingernails trimmed short and smooth, to prevent him or her from spreading the infection through the nails. Then apply Caladryl.

Caladryl eliminates itch caused by insect bites, prickly heat, and other skin irritations. Home remedies like alcohol and cold rubs only mask the sensation of itch, and gives fleeting relief. Caladryl blocks the substance in the body that can cause itch, thereby eliminating itch.

Prevention is the ideal, however. Keep out of areas where insects congregate. Mosquitoes breed in water, so drain puddles, rain barrels, old tires, and other areas that collect water near your home. Keep small children indoors at night when mosquitoes come out.

To avoid attracting bees, dress your family for outdoor play in white or pastels rather than dark or bright colors or flowered prints. If you have beverage outdoors, drink out of a cup or other open container instead of an aluminum can. You can't see stinging insects inside a can.

It's best to stock up on Caladryl, because you'll never know when an itch will happen. Caladryl is the caring mother's essential emergency itch solution.

However, as a precautionary measure, Caladryl should not be applied to blistered, raw, or oozing areas of the skin.

Family Reader presents Mom of the Year

THERE is one profession that promises neither compensation nor promotion, yet demands dedication, full attention and a 24/7 grind. There are definitely no part-timers in this job and no such thing as a termination or a resignation. Overworked and underpaid as it may seem, yet many women have graciously accepted the grueling tasks and demands of the job called motherhood.

A performance appraisal is due! With this, Family Reader presents the Family Reader Duyan Awards as a fitting tribute to all mothers for a job well done.

The Duyan Awardees will be honored during a special celebration of Family Reader's Mother's Day at the Mall event at SM Megamall on May 12.

Mother's Day at Don Henrico's

MOTHER'S DAY is one big day for families and Don Henrico's has become a favorite for family celebrations like these. As a token of appreciation for dear mothers, Don Henrico's will be giving out loot bags of goodies that will certainly make their day. Every mother that dines in at Don Henrico's on May 12 gets a special loot bag containing premium items, discount coupons, magazine samples, recipe cards, product brochures, newsletters, and subscription cards. Tupperware display tables will also be set up in selected stores. Loot bag sponsors are Dole Philippines, Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce, Tabasco Pepper Sauce, Godiva, PTC Commercial, Noritake, Good Housekeeping, Citibank and Cook Magazine.

Don Henrico's stores are in Libis, Quezon City; Sunshine Square, Shaw Boulevard, Pedro Gil corner A. Mabini, Malate, Manila, Festival Supermall, Alabang, Tomas Morato, Quezon City, Jupiter Place, Makati, Glorietta 4 at the Ayala Center, Banawe Street, Quezon City, West Avenue corner Examiner, Quezon City, and Brick Road, Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall, Cainta.

Don Henrico's is also in the key cities of Baguio (along Session Road), Cebu (at the Entertainment Center of the Ayala Center Cebu) and Davao (Gen. Luna corner Legaspi Street).

Mom's Magic

My mom seems to know magic. Whatever our needs are, we turn to her.

"Mom, my pants needs mending."

"Argh! Got loads of assignments tonight, mom."

"Mom, have you seen my new shirt?"

"What's for dinner, mom?"

Sometimes, all it takes is a look, and she instantly knows we are in need --

"Child, all things can be worked out through proper communication."

"You're still young, you'll meet other guys."

"Whatever decision you make, more than just thinking about it, pray over it."

Even if I'm stubborn sometimes, or she's tired from work, or hadn't had enough sleep, Mom goes on with a smile, lovingly doing all the household chores and attending to our needs. It's in the way she shows by example, in the words she says, in the things she does--or how she serves our favorite dish. I'll always feel the warmth of her love as she caringly blows over a hot bowl of my favorite Lucky Me! Beef na Beef mami before serving it to me.

But most of the time, I really don't have to say anything, or need to, for she knows what's lacking, what's not right, or if I hurt, or if I am in need. I don't really know how, what I do know is that whatever happens, Mom is always there, with a ready answer. She will always know what to say or do, and does so with all her lovingly comforting ways--like magic!



Lovely candle holders from Sbarro

SBARRO Italian Eatery is one in celebrating with the world, remembering our beloved mothers on her special day. Mothers, like diamonds, are precious and forever. They are the ones who take part in rearing us.

On this special day, Sbarro celebrates with mothers by giving them special gifts. Sbarro has made available lovely and elegant candle holders for all mothers to take home when they dine in at all Sbarro outlets today. Sbarro is conveniently located at SM City - North Edsa, SM Megamall Building A, Glorietta 2 in Ayala Center, Robinsons Place Manila, and Festival Supermall in Alabang.

Special aprons to dear Moms

YOUR MOTHER is special and she deserves only the best. Thus, on May 12, bring her only to the latest and best restaurant around town. At Burgoo American Bar and Restaurant, your family's concern is number one, and so does your Mom's.

Aside from preparing special dishes for her, Burgoo, in cooperation with Equal Sweetener, is giving away a specially made apron for your beloved Moms only. For every order of any of the following Burgoo's Brilliant Choices such as Shrimp Pomelo Salad, Grilled Steak and Steam Salmon Supreme, Prawns Cacciottore, and Seafood Jambalaya, plus a Sugarfree Raspberry Cheesecake, your Mom will automatically bring home a lovely apron from Equal Sweetener. Come early as there is only a limited supply.

Burgoo is the place to go to on Mother's Day. It has branches at 310 Tomas Morato Extension, South Triangle, Diliman, Quezon City, at the third level of Powerplant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati City, and at the second level of The Podium, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City. It opens daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.



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Accidental business

Ridiculous as this may sound, the owner of an ice plant business in Baliuag, Bulacan was invited to participate in the 1999 Asian Ethnic Food Festival by entering her ice plant business in the expo. "What does an ice plant have to do with ethnic food? First, ice is not food. Second, what is ethnic about ice?" These were the questions that crossed the minds of Baliuag Ice Plant owner Angelita C. Lajom and her daughter Christine, or Tintin.

Being determined to join in the Food Fest in any case, they had to come up with something ethnic, and had an element of food in it, for that matter. It was May 1999 at that time and the food fest would be held in November that same year. So they had five months to come up with something.

Fortunately, Mama Angelita was an expert in preparing burong bangus, which she learned from her mother-in-law. She has been preparing it ever since she learned to do it, but only made it for friends and family, and during special occasions only. When they were invited to the food fest, Tintin thought that the burong bangus qualified as "ethnic" and so started to work on the packaging and to conduct tests as to shelf life and quality control in order to qualify for the food fest. It took them just five months to actually come up with what is now called Burong Bangus ni Balae, "balae" referring to Mama Angelita's mother-in-law. Came November 1999, the product was

launched as a pioneer in the food line and became a hit at the food expo. Thus, the business of the buro was born, by accident.

The business of producing and marketing the burong bangus was pursued by mother and daughter together and a plant was set up within their compound in Baliuag, Bulacan. Their business name is ACL Native Food Products based in their hometown. The bottled product was brought into life after the festival and by the next year, they started to offer the product to Rustan's and SM Supermarkets. Eventually, they had to comply with BFAD requirements and all the legwork had to be accomplished. Mama Angelita produced the burong bangus hands-on, since making buro was sensitive to the "ph-balance" of the hands being used. She tried teaching other workers to make the buro, but the taste became different and the shelf-life was shortened considerably. While actual production was left to Mama, it was Tintin who did the legwork and research on innovations, such as flavors and use of alternative equipment.

The technology of making buro is based on traditional methods. The jars used are from abroad. Although they have experimented with plastic jars, the quality of the product was not the same as when the special jars were used. Mama Angelita always makes sure that the product remains consistent in appearance and taste. And even if Tintin is continuously researching on how to improve the product and

to produce more efficiently, she remains faithful to the way her mother has made the product. The original set up was that Mama Angelita would focus on the production and Tintin would handle marketing, product development, procurement, delivery and product design. However, up until the whole business was turned over to Tintin sometime last year, it was always Mama Angelita's decision that prevailed. It only took Tintin's persistence to convince her to do things that Tintin suggests.

The partnership was nothing new to Mama Angelita and Tintin. At the time they joined the food fest, Tintin was already helping manage the Baliuag Ice Plant, which the family of Mama Angelita used to own. At the same time, Tintin was also teaching. The second child in a brood of five, Tintin is also the eldest among the girls. And that is why Mama Angelita did not really want her to stay with the Ice Plant business, because she believes that it is a business best left to be managed by a male. When the buro business began, Mama Angelita thought it best for Tintin and did not discourage her.

Business runs in the blood as their family owns many businesses in Baliuag. Although Mama Angelita had a degree in Education, and Tintin, a degree in BS Psychology, their inclination for business cannot be denied. However, having been brought up in different times has affected how each of them relate to the other, both as mother and daughter, and as business partners.

They have less similarities than differences, and their relationship is typical of a Filipino mother and daughter. While Mama Angelita is very conservative in the home and in business dealings, Tintin is the aggressive-type. Mama Angelita prefers businesses which already have existing markets, while Tintin is challenged by new products whose markets have yet to be created. So it was no surprise that there came a point when Mama Angelita wanted to stop the buro business. "She found the business very slow. Considering that we were already selling the product for more than a year, she found the income very small. She didn't even want to lower the price per bottle, which I wanted to do so that we can attract more buyers," narrates Tintin.

However, for Tintin, the challenge that appealed to her was the need to create the market for the product. "I took on the business with her because it was a new product, an ethnic food which could be marketed for export. We were a pioneer. I knew that we

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Shopping dentists

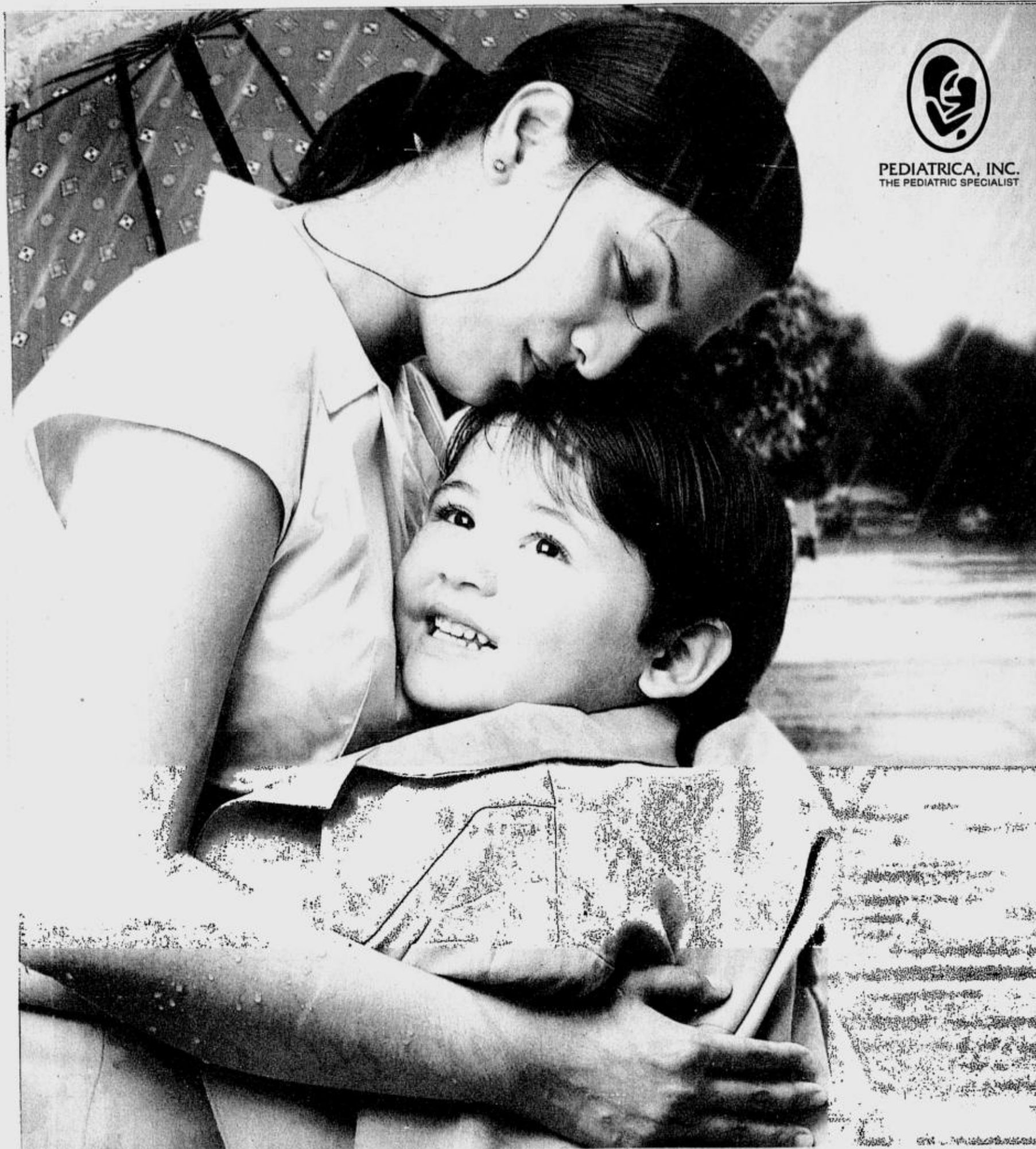
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chases of new equipment, which are musts in running a dental clinic. No conflict arises in this aspect either, since the decision to purchase anything for the clinic is made through case conferences among them, including the associates.

With such a comfortable working relation, what else can you expect when they are simply mother and daughter? Mommy Nelia says of Gidget, "Hindi siya sumpungin. She has always been an obedient child. We have a casual relationship. And I feel lucky that I can pass on my practice to her." And Gidget says of Mommy Nelia, "She's supportive and understanding, both as mother and as dentist. She is very generous with information and knowledge in the field. Hindi siya madamot." Aside from working together in the clinic, they go on "gimmicks" together. They shop together in the malls as well as shop together for dental equipment or supplies.

Having grown up with her mom always at home, Gidget has learned that being present for your children makes a lot of difference in their upbringing. Now that she has children of her own, she believes that by working near the home, she can always be there for her family. For both of them, family comes first. Mommy Nelia tells Gidget, "Enjoy your kids while they are still young. Have simple ambitions and live simply. Before you know it, you're already a grandmother and you wonder where the childhood has gone." And maybe that's why both of them have a laid-back attitude towards their practice. Stress-free life, they say. Simple living and simple ambitions.

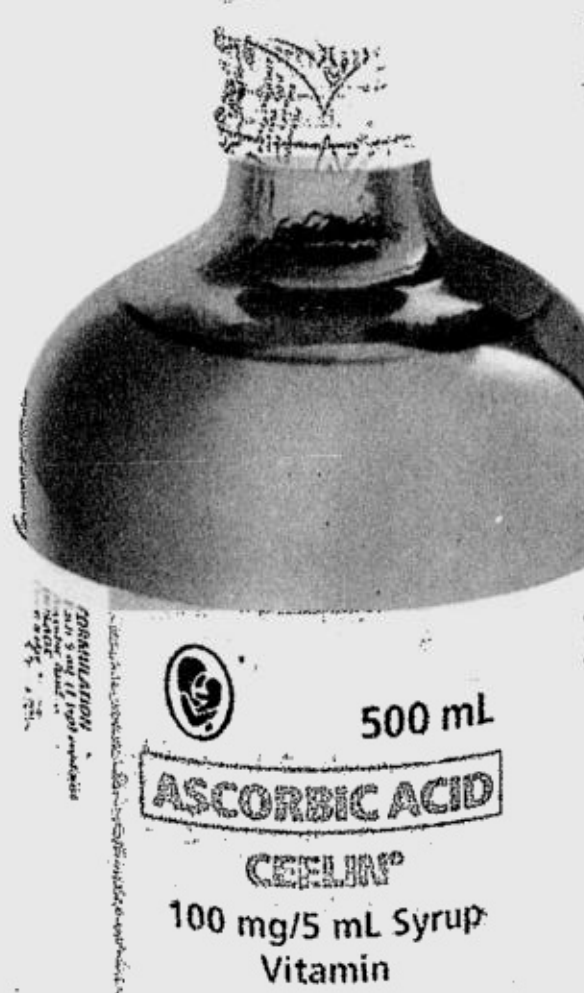
And what does Mommy Nelia have to say of her life? "I believe that at this point I am fulfilled in my life. I have children successful in their chosen fields. I have lovely grandchildren. And the best thing that can make my day is simply when Gidget buys my Milo from the supermarket."



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Constant love, discipline in a changing world

By Marlet D. Salazar

IN THIS DAY and age when almost everything goes digital, when communication gets all high-tech—no need for face to face conversation—where does society's foundations belong? What's the parents', especially mothers', role in ensuring that family values are not sacrificed in the wide wired world?

Three celebrity moms share the highs and lows of parenting, the joys each of their child give them, and how they cope with the forever changing world.

Elma's priceless 'medal'

Sprint queen Elma Muros reaped numerous medals in the past, but there is one award she is most proud of: Her 9-year-old daughter Clarisse M. Posadas.

Muros is in high spirits while she relates how understanding her baby is. When Muros goes on training and her husband is at work, Clarisse is left to household helps most of the time. In spite of less quality time the family spends together, her daughter never resented it. In fact, Clarisse is growing up with a better understanding that her parents are doing all the hard work to secure her a stable future her parents were unable to enjoy.

"Whenever I talk to my child, I always assure her that no matter where I am, no matter what I do, she's always on my mind," Muros said.

At present, Muros is coaching at the Brent International School in Laguna where Clarisse is currently enrolled. In spite of the high-end standing of the school, Muros never fails to remind her daughter that even though she cannot enjoy the same privileges her school-mates enjoy, she is never deprived of a fun childhood. "Clarisse still brings packed lunch to school," Muros relates.

Muros is most especially proud of the fact that Clarisse is very respectful of people. "I always tell her that the household helps should be respected because I trust you with them," she said. "Po" and "Opo" are a staple in Clarisse's vocabulary.

With the meager income the couple enjoys, Clarisse doesn't have a computer yet at home. But she gets to use one in her aunt's home. And Muros is amazed by how far this generation is getting far. "I feel that if she becomes well-versed in technology, she'll go a long way."

Muros recalls how her father used to tell her that humility is one of the best virtues a person has. "My dad used to tell me that age-old saying: *Ang hindi marunong lumingon sa pinanggalingan ay hindi makakarating sa paroroonan*," she said. "And I always tell that to Clarisse too."

When the award-winning athlete is off the track, she spends the free time with Clarisse reading books, watching TV, see the games at Rizal Coliseum, do the laundry, or just have a mother-and-daughter talk.

There was an instance Clarisse asked her to just stay home. Picture a wonderful daughter whispering to her mom's ear that being with her would make her extremely happy.

Felichi—a firm but fun mom

When Felichi Pangilinan-Buizon had her firstborn, the first thing she thought of was, "I didn't learn anything about being a mom. It was a very life-altering experience."

Today, raising three kids has taught her to become a firm and comforting mommy. According to her she is more like and more "not" like her dad with her own kids. "I'm more of the fun mommy," she said. "But I also put my foot down." As a parent, Felichi learns to make her own style.

Typical of a very close-knit family, the Buizonns have family rules. "We have certain

things we agree upon. And we follow through. It's not like it's just in the wind and then you don't do anything about it," she said.

House rules consist of designated computer time, and even TV time. With the influx of not-so-kid-friendly shows on TV, Felichi makes sure that she watches what her children watch. "Even cartoons have parental guidance. So that means, (kids) are not anymore safe watching these movies," She said. She knows that television is not the babysitter of her kids. Can you imagine kids not watching TV the whole day? For Felichi's kids, it's normal. Because from the very beginning mommy established this rule and the three young Buizonns were never exposed to too much TV. "It's (really) no big deal if they don't have TV the whole day," she said.

Among the first things Felichi and her husband taught their kids was obedience. She believes that obedience is critical; for them it's the "umbrella" of everything. She instilled in them that as their parents they should obey. But she is also preparing for the time when they will eventually learn to negotiate when they're a little older.

One of things Felichi is most thankful for is that her

kids don't do things that trouble them. Thanks to the clear perspective she has in raising them. "We give them the time that they need. Allowing them to develop their self esteem," she said.

Attention is also one of the key factors in Felichi's parenting style. She'll drop everything when one of her children approach her. In doing that she is able to communicate to her child that they're more important than what she is doing.

A songwriter who also sings herself, Felichi credits her parents, especially her mother, for being what she is as a parent today. Her father is both a friend and an authority in the family, while her mom is a nurturing mother.

There are many things a child can do to make mom's heart melt with joy. In Felichi's case there are a lot. Found in her wallet is a piece of paper with a note "I love you mom" written by her 8-year-old daughter. She relates that once she got upset and was heading to the bathroom to compose herself. On her way, her daughter who was watching TV simply looked at her and said, "Mommy, you sit beside me."

"The reason I liked what my daughter did was I felt like she wanted me. My company. Me. It's something

I'll always remember," she said.

Felichi, who also works at home aside from being a full-time mom, quoted one writer, saying "children are expensive." "As you mother them, as you parent them, your investment returns. You will reap it in their character, on how they are," she said.

Chat's a mom to a teen!

Growing up with seven brothers is not a joke for Chat Silayan-Bailon. But if there's one thing she always treasures, it's their being a very close family.

She merits her father, late award-winning actor Vic Silayan, for the values he instilled to the eight of them. "My dad was very simple," Chat relates. "He was very popular and yet he was so down to earth." She now passes on those values to her three kids. Her being a popular actress doesn't excuse them from being humble.

Right now, she is dealing with the transition of her 13-year-old from childhood to adolescence. "He's trying to be independent, you really have to keep on reminding him about family values," she said. She realizes that a lot of hard work and understanding is needed to sustain their relationship as mother and son.

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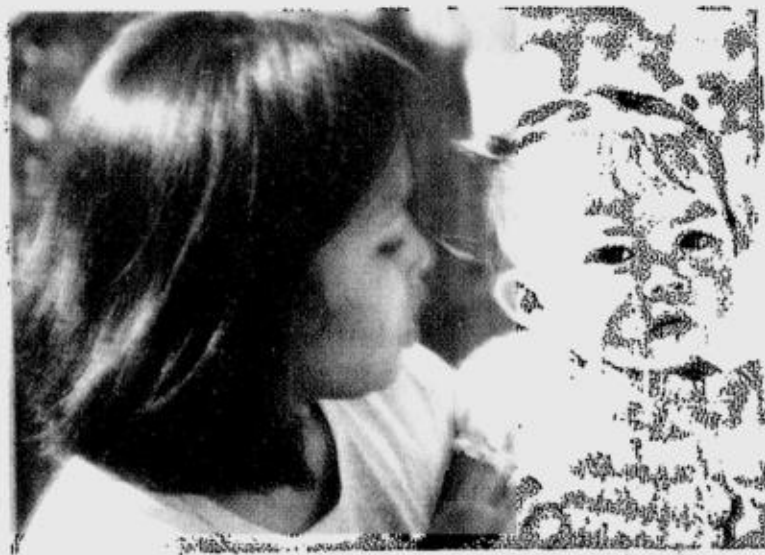
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Soon-to-be-mother's talk

Tradition versus modern medicine, tips on taking care of oneself during pregnancy, and other preggy talk for expectant mothers

By Raquel P. Gomez

THERE ARE universal experiences, very Pinoy in nature, a Filipino mother shares with other mothers.

If she's pregnant and happens to love eating black berries, the elders would caution her that her child would be black as the berry. She has known this as *pagliliti*, the possibility that the characteristics of the object she's infatuated with during her pregnancy would go to her child.

Then there's the whole gamut of ceremonies to follow after the delivery of the child—as insisted by an elder in the family—for the recovery of the mother. The mother is advised not to take a bath for at least a week and wear pajamas so as not to let air enter her womb. If this happens, she might suffer a *binat* (get sick). She's advised to rest and not to move around. Some mothers who give birth even undergo a ritual where she's smoldered with fumes coming from burnt herbs.

They are the so-called "prescriptions" of the elders which many think are time-tested and work wonders for the body. Are all these necessary? What would a mother lose if she did or didn't follow them anyway?

Nothing really, says Dr. Zenaida Adriano, OB and pediatrician at the

Kalookan Maternity Clinic. These practices, although some of them have no connection whatsoever to the pregnancy, may not also necessarily lead to a faster recovery for a woman.

She says they advise mothers, if they can already walk, to take a bath for hygienic purposes, right after delivery of the baby.

"We are already changing the things taught by our elders to mothers such as not taking a bath for a week, have their bodies massaged (*hilot*), or not to fix themselves up. Right after delivery, after six hours when they no longer feel sedated, a mother can move and walk around. It's important for her to move around *kasi* her recovery would be fast," says Adriano.

She adds that traditional practices have no scientific basis, but are nonetheless followed like a religion. "We Filipinos follow our elders. When we have an elder in the household we usually follow their advice so as not to hurt them."

Proper care for a woman who gives birth involves good hygiene, moving around and eating a nutritious and balanced diet according to Adriano.

She also advises a new mother to drink more water for the bladder to function properly.

Adriano says a woman should consult a doctor the moment her menstruation stops, so she'll get the proper advice on what to do during her pregnancy.

Adriano says they encourage mothers, particularly first-time mothers, to be vaccinated against German measles (rubella vaccination).

"Six months or a year before pregnancy, we encourage a mother to have the vaccination, so during pregnancy a mother won't have an infection. When a mother

has measles, it can cause complication to the child (and result in) abnormalities."

The key to a safe pregnancy is for a woman to be always in good health during her pregnancy, particularly during the critical first trimester of the pregnancy, according to Adriano.

"The first three months from the time of conception, that's the very critical period of pregnancy. That's the period when the organs of the baby are developed. If a mother contracts flu, for example, the virus would also affect the development of the baby. A mother shouldn't really get sick, because it will affect the baby."

Also during the first trimester of pregnancy, the HCG (human chorionic gonadotropin) hormone level goes up and is excreted in the urine (the pregnancy test is positive if a high amount of this hormone is found in the urine). Pregnant women who are sensitive to the rise of the HCG hormone sometimes suffer from vomiting, nausea and dizziness, according to Adriano. But this condition soon goes away during the second trimester when the HCG level goes back to normal.

It also helps that mothers are made aware through the media of the importance of supplements such as iron, folic acid and calcium for their health during pregnancy.

"The media today helped a lot in disseminating information to mothers regarding how to take care of themselves during pregnancy. Before, they had to rely on health workers for advice. Now, they see on TV what supplements to take, such as iron, calcium, or folic acid, and then they ask the doctor or health practitioner if the information on TV is true. Most products endorsed on TV to help mothers have the approval of the gynecological society."

A pregnant woman shouldn't overfeed herself, even if she's thinking she's feeding two people instead of one. Adriano says there's still the ideal weight to gain during pregnancy.

For the first trimester, a pregnant woman should only gain five pounds, the second trimester and third trimester, about three to six pounds. Then the ideal weight value for the whole nine-month pregnancy is just about 24 pounds gained by a mother.

"It's normal for a woman to gain weight *kasi doble na ang kumakain*, herself and the baby," says Adriano "but she could keep the weight to a limit. In my experience, it's difficult for a pregnant woman who has gained a lot of weight to deliver the baby."

When should a mother get pregnant again?

Ideally, two to three years' time, says Adriano. She cautions women from getting pregnant after delivery, because "physically, they're still drained from the pregnancy and there's the stress in taking care of the baby."

Asked whether some changes in the woman's physical appearance has something to do with the sex of the baby—if the woman looks blooming, it's a baby girl—Adriano says this is again another of those false beliefs generated by the elders.

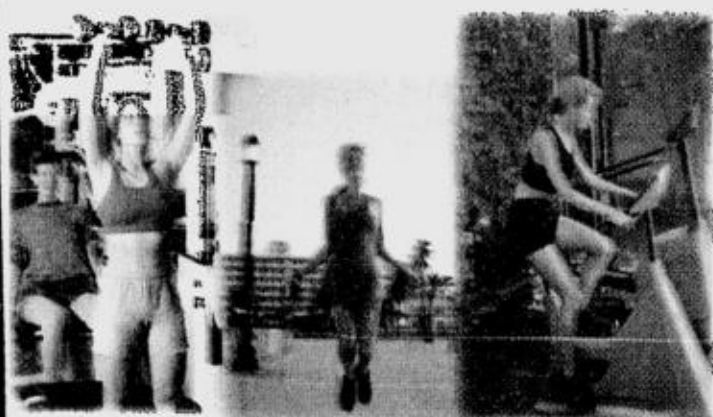
Based on her experience as a doctor on family medicine, she has not determined successfully the sex of the child based merely on observations on the mother. She says there's still the modern medicine tools such as the ultrasound to rely upon to determine not only the sex of the child, but his condition as well.

"In managing the health of the child inside the mother's womb, modern medicine has helped a lot."

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Constant love, discipline in a changing world

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Although most of the time, her teenager goes to his dad for advice and guy's talk. "I can see that my eldest is becoming assertive...Peer pressure," she shares. She found a way to adjust and cope with his fast development. "The thing is, we allow him to have friends in the community." They attend the New Life Christian Church, which has a dynamic youth that plays Christian songs to the beat of rock and roll, hip-hop or pop.

The family, however, had to settle an issue with videogames. There came a time

when she had to delete all the games installed in their PC. And they explained to him the reason for doing that. There was resentment at first, but in the end, he gave in and understood. To compensate for the loss of such pastimes, they got him into sports.

Chat calls her way of showing love to her kids as "tough loving." Even if it's very hard for her not to give what they want, she still has to do it.

The former Binibining Pilipinas employs the magic of talking to her kids.

"You just have to continually remind them," she said. "But as parents there will be times that patience will be tested. Sometimes you'll run out of patience but it doesn't mean that you don't love them. My kids are very sweet."

She commends her own mother for being a strong woman who withstood all the trials in their lives, including raising all eight of them. And for Chat, mothers are the noblest persons who keep the family together.

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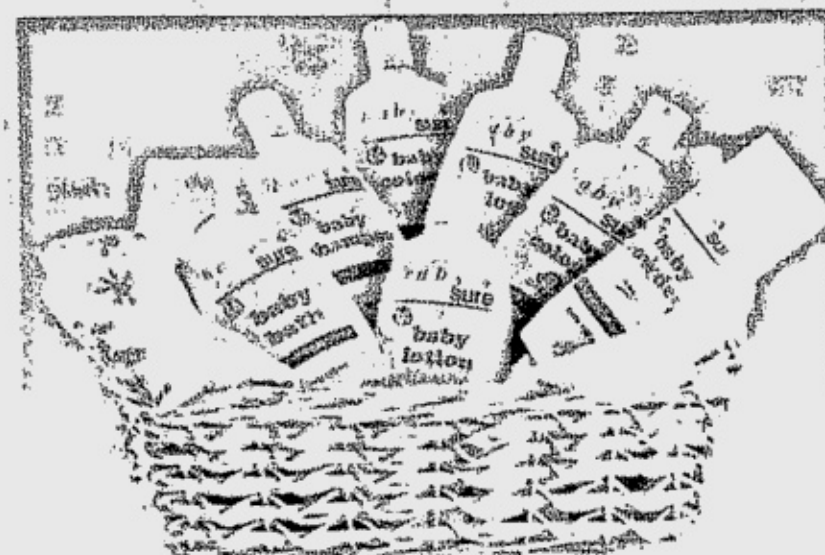
A BABY'S birth is a momentous experience for any expectant mother. As soon as both mother and child reach home, the reality of changing diapers, regular breastfeeding and sterilizing dozens of feeding bottles sets in. It is only then that a mother starts to understand that motherhood is a lifelong task that needs a lot of time and hard work.

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Accidental business

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had to create a market for it and bring the product to the market and not wait for the market to come to us." In doing so, Tintin often had to go out and meet with people and research on how to improve the product. Unfortunately, Mama Angelita was not used to having her daughters go out on their own. A teary-eyed Mama Angelita recalls, "Ako kasi ang bunsô sa amin. Hindi ako nasanay na lumabas mag-isa. At saka ang babae kasi sa amin dapat sa bahay lang. Si Tintin kasi laging lumalabas. Kahit walang sasakyan na available dito sa bahay, mag-ko-commute-yan para lang makaalis. Nung panahon ko, di pwede yon."

Brought up in a very conservative way and grew up as an interna in St. Scholastica's College in Manila, Mama Angelita has her own perception as to how Tintin should be as a daughter and as a businesswoman. She explains that children should always honor their parents, and that any form of disobedience is a violation of that commandment. Tintin believes in that commandment, but insists that when she contradicts her mother at certain times, it should not mean that she is being disrespectful, especially if her mother becomes extremely unreasonable. Until now, Mama Angelita cannot understand Tintin's need to always go on out-of-town trips, even if it is related to business. She wants her children, especially her daughters, to stay at home and do their business there. But for Tintin, that cannot be applied in the line of business that she is pursuing.

And so the struggle between mother and daughter remains. They still often argue about values and proper attitudes but somehow, despite so many differences, they have managed to continue with the buro business, with Tintin now taking over the whole of it. In fact, in September 2001, they even won the Packaging Excellence Award by the Packaging Institute of the Philippines, of course attributable to both mother and daughter.

Eventually, Mama Angelita had to teach Tintin how to produce it herself and the "ph-balance" of Tintin's hands seem to blend well with the buro. But even if Tintin often disagrees with her mother's ideas, the conservativeness has rubbed off on her a little, aside from the fact that she attended Catholic schools. She remains religious and maintains

her close relationship with her family. She believes in keeping good family values, but refuses to be restricted by her mom's old-school ideas, especially when it concerns how to sell the product.

In the end, both Mama Angelita and Tintin retain the respect for each other. For one thing, they both love teaching, which until now they are still active in. And now that Tintin has full control of the buro business, the trust that Mama Angelita has given her shows that her mama is beginning to be open to the changes of the times. Mama Angelita admits that she admires Tintin for being aggressive and the ability to accomplish things on her own. She also admires Tintin's way of handling the workers in such a way that without being too strict, she gets the most out of them. For Tintin, likewise, she admires her mother's love for country and her concern for the people working for them. She says that her mother employs people primarily to give them jobs and not only for the business. She wants to put up businesses so that people in her town will not have to go away to find jobs abroad, which she finds a very sad state for the country now. Patriotism and concern for others is something that Tintin finds very admirable.

Mama Angelita accepts the reality that Tintin has achieved a certain level of independence in everything she does and so she has learned to leave Tintin to decide on business matters, but she is quick to always add, "Hinahayaan ko silang gawin ang gusto nila, basta tama. At dapat laging nakikinig sa magulang dahil walang magulang ang gustong magturo ng kamalian sa



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THE MARKETING minds behind the country's most successful brands will attribute the triumph of their products to one very simple strategy—being able to please the most valued target market of all: the mothers. Eight O' Clock, the Philippines' trusted and best-loved brand of instant orange drink is one perfect example of a product whose market strength and endurance have been inspired by and dedicated to moms.

Since it was introduced to the market in the early '80s until its rise as the local leader in powdered juice starting in the '90s, all of Eight O' Clock's efforts have been focused on meeting the needs and wants of the Pinoy Mom—both in quality and price. The product figured that the choosy Nanay, always wanting the best for her family, would be the most difficult customer of all. And that if Eight O' Clock could acquire the mother's preference, the rest of the family would follow suit. In turn, the satisfied Pinoy Mom rewarded Eight O' Clock's efforts with a fervent loyalty that has weathered new products in the market and withstood decades.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the consistent lead personality in all of Eight O' Clock's commercials through the years, would be the Mom—she who would discover a new nutritional benefit of Eight O' Clock, she who offers a glass of orange drink to her family, she who is a celebrity and trying to convince her kumares to stick to Eight O' Clock. The product's recently launched ad, "1-4-3", is a heartwarming campaign where Mom is once again the star. But this time, her child is seen offering her some flowers. In this age of the high-tech way of living and enjoyment and smart-alecky kids raised by TV and computers, such a simple gesture of the child giving flowers to his Mom has drawn rave reviews among sentimental Pinoyos who found the ad heart-warming.

This Mother's Day, Eight O' Clock will be awarded "Most Outstanding Juice Brand" in the 2002 Excellence Awards for Quality in conjunction with the 22nd Alay Kay Inay Awards of the Golden Mother and Father Foundation. A family-honored choice, Eight O' Clock has earned the award with its long string of product milestones which any mother will approve of. As early as 1990, it earned Mom's nod as the orange drink fortified with the most vitamins and minerals as well as being the first to have the pro-vitamin A and cancer-preventive Beta-Carotene. In 1993, the highly respected Vitamin Institute awarded the brand with its coveted seal of approval.

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By Joel V. Nigos

We thought our mothers were crazy then. When we were kids, they always stopped us from doing what we wanted. Of course, we were adventurous then, trying every thing and even sticking our fingers in that smelly, sticky goo in our diapers. They fussed over the smallest things in the house. They made sure that everybody had their seats around the dining table before they took theirs. They seemed like a bunch of psychologists figuring out what their kids—with those body languages and monosyllabic utterances—wanted to say. They were proud of us even when we got snotty at times. They always tried to learn the games we play. 'Mom's into her second childhood', we thought. But we believed, deep inside, that they knew better. When we cried our hearts out, nobody stopped us from bawling out as forcefully or as convincingly like our mother. We just wonder if it's her smell that did it for us.

My mother Dominga was only 18 when she got married. A year later, she bore her first child, a daughter. Such a tender age, we may say, unprepared to take on the responsibilities of caring for a child, much less a family. But going through her experiences and also of other young mothers, there's something in being a mother that makes it worth it despite the sacrifices, and the age. Mothering knows no age, no backgrounds. There is just one simple rule. Mothers just have to be mothers.

Here we share the stories of three young, brave mothers. They may have hesitated at first, but pushed through despite the odds.

'Everything turns out to be all right'

SELIN Tekeli was only 18 when she learned that she was to have a baby. She was very scared then, not so much because of the responsibilities that came with rearing a child but with how and when to tell her Turkish father.

She couldn't run to her mother since they usually ended up arguing. Her carefree life and devil-may-care attitude suddenly changed.

"I was a troublemaker before, doing a lot of those crazy and stupid little things," Selin remembers.

When her daughter Mikaela came, that was also only the time she realized how badly she treated her mother.

"I regretted it because now I am a mom and I wouldn't want Mikaela doing that to me," she says.

She learned her lessons along the way, and stopped committing those "crazy and stupid little things".

"I realized that what I did were useless and I shouldn't have done them. It did not do anything good for me," she adds.

With Mikaela came self-discovery. "I never thought I could be a responsible person. Being a mom is really a lot of hard work. I don't have a yaya and I don't like having one (for Mikaela) because I want her to be close to me. I want her to depend on me. I was lazy before. Now I don't even have time for myself anymore. She always has to sleep first before me. And at times, I have to get up from bed in the middle of the night to attend to her," she narrates.

Despite the sacrifices for her daughter, she says that it has been worth all the effort.

"I really don't have any regrets. She's so precious and she keeps me going. Mikaela is the one who makes me happy now. She's a very pretty and loveable child. She's joyful and friendly. She loves to dance and sing. She has a good heart because every time she does something wrong, she says sorry to me. She's a good girl and I don't have any problems with her. Sometimes she whines, but I think that's normal for children of her age."

She adds that without Mikaela, she wouldn't have studied the Bible. She's now a member of the Arts, Media and Sports (AMS) Ministry of the Metro Manila Christian Church.

"Being a Christian helps me a lot in raising up my kid. I teach her about God and I want her to know more about God. I don't want her to grow up like me. I have more hope now. Before, I was afraid, afraid to move on. But now I'm more confident to live my life," she relates.

She says Christian friends used to give her advice on mothering, and since then, she says everything just turned out all right.

"I'm confident with people that I'm with now. I know that I'm talking to people with great faith in God and who live life righteously. I want my daughter to live a life like that," she says.

Just like any parent who wants the best for her child, she says she wants Mikaela to be successful and to grow up fearing God.

"I want God to be in her life. I want her to grow up respecting me, unlike me before who didn't respect my mother," she says.

Taking responsibility for actions

She was in first-year college taking up Marketing when she got pregnant. Only 18, the skirt she wore to school no longer fit her. Her pregnancy often made her sleep while in class. Her condition finally forced her to stop school. She had to make a decision. She wanted her child so much that she was willing to give up school to have her baby, whom she considered a blessing from God.

For young Kathryn Castro, these were the kinds of worries she had to face then.

"I was both happy and sad. Happy because I was having a baby, and sad because I thought about the responsibilities that came with having one, specifically the expenses to meet (the baby's) needs," she shares.

Her son Michael is now eight months old. She affirms that her son has changed how she lives her life. Taking full responsibility for all her actions, however, has given her confidence to live her life. This also helped her explain things to people who had a lot of questions about her.

"Yes, some were saying that I was too young to be a mother. That it was difficult to have a child. That it would keep me at the house and I just couldn't hang out with friends, and concerns that came with taking care of the child when he got sick. But I insisted that I had to push through with life," she stressed.

She says that mothering is a full-time task—work without compensation.

"I don't have a yaya, that's why I do everything for him. Michael has to sleep first before I do. There's no reason for me to be lazy. And it's doubly difficult when he gets sick. He keeps me awake all night," she says.

Despite everything, there's something in mothering that makes it all worth it.

"It's the happiness of having my own child, seeing him growing up, and having a family. He plays with me and smiles a lot. *Kahit pagod na pagod na ako, nawaigawa yung pagod ko.* I find him smart. He easily catches up with everything I teach him, and I'm proud of him," she says.

Kathy concludes she doesn't regret having a baby at a young age. But she doesn't want her son to go through a similar experience.

"I want him to finish school no matter what. We'll do everything for him to achieve that. I think that's essential for him to get a decent job in the future. Definitely, I would not advise him to marry at a young age," she stresses.

Kathy will marry Michael's father in July.

Doubly happy having a child

"They used to tell me *sayang*, that I should have enjoyed my life first when they learned that I was

pregnant," shares Mary Theresa Villaflores, 19.

Friends and neighbors teased her that she would miss a lot, that she wouldn't be able to do what other single girls of her age would normally do because she now had a child to attend to.

Seven months after giving birth to her daughter

Kaelamei, she proved them all wrong. Not because she still hangs out with friends, but because being a mother at a young age is, in truth, not in any way *sayang* (regrettable).

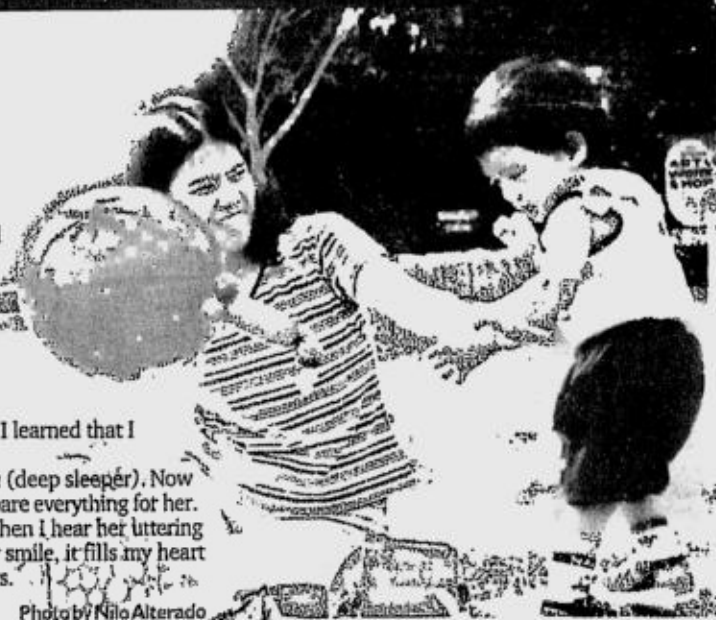
"When I see my young daughter, with how fragile she is, how she depends on me, and how she makes me happy despite all the sacrifices, it just makes me smile," says Theresa, the youngest in a brood of three.

"Although my boyfriend and I are not married yet, my getting pregnant was something that we had planned. So when I learned that I was having a child, I was happy," she says.

"I just can't sleep when I want to. I used to be *tulog-mantika* (deep sleeper). Now a little movement of my daughter wakes me up already. I prepare everything for her. But kids are a bundle of joy, and my daughter is truly one. When I hear her uttering mama, going after me, playing with my face, when I see her smile, it fills my heart with joy. I can say I'm doubly happy having a child," she says.

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Mother's Day at SM Malls

TREAT MOM to a day of pampering, fun-filled activities and exciting shows by celebrating May 12, Mother's Day with her at the SM Supermalls.

Show her how much you care with a love token from the SM Department Store or any of the mall stores. Better still, take her to the "It's a Mom's World" exhibit and trade fair, which showcases booths on health and beauty, fitness, clothing and accessories, livelihood and business opportunities, and gadgets and equipment. Exhibitors include Dr. George.com.ph, Manila Bulletin/Kuyug, The Body Shop, Avon, Citibank, Caha de Oro, Rebel, Mom's World, Praise, Del Monte, Universal Robina Corp., Bank of the Philippine Islands, Red Ribbon, and Lactacyd.

The exhibit will run on May 12 at SM City Fairview and SM City Manila.

Pamper Mom to the max with Avon's luxurious Mother's Day celebration at the SM Supermalls. This features free makeovers and beauty sessions on skin care and makeup by beauty queens Abbygale Arenas and Nina Ricci Alagao. Give Mom that much-needed beauty break on May 12 at SM Centerpoint, SM Supercenter Sucat, SM City Manila, and SM Southmall.

Likewise, it's a Mother Day Treat as Ceelin pays tribute to all super Moms with workshops and luxe services like foot spas, massages, and facials. Ceelin's Mother's Day treat is from 11 a.m. to 9

p.m. on May 12.

Other great ways to celebrate with Mom: Red Ribbon's Me and My Mom Cake Decorating Workshop and Contest on May 12 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at SM City Pampanga. A minimum purchase of P200 from Red Ribbon entitles one to participate in this workshop and get a chance to win gift certificates and exciting cash prizes.

The highlight of the festivities is Family Reader's exciting Mother's Day at the Mall celebration. During the day, Moms can visit any of Family Reader's interactive booths and indulge in beauty makeovers and skin consultations as well as an afternoon of flute and guitar music on May 12 at the SM Megamall.

The celebration continues with the Mom of the Year activities that begin with a fashion show and presentation of candidates, interviews, and a question and number portion. A magic show, a fashion show for kids, and a song number by Franco Laurel will culminate in the Mom of the Year awarding ceremonies. This will be on May 12 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the SM Megamall.

But the fun doesn't end there. Spend a delightful afternoon with Mom on May 24 in Gingersnap's Me and My Mom Fashion Show. Gingersnap's will present its latest collection for Moms and kids and the Trumpets Workshop will fete all Moms of a special musical presentation.

Wilkins bags Platinum SuperBrand Award for third straight year

WILKINS Distilled Drinking Water, the country's leading bottled water, recently bagged the much-coveted Platinum SuperBrand Award, its third in four years.

Started in 1999 and the only survey of its kind in Asia, the Reader's Digest SuperBrands Survey is a reader's poll on which brands appeal most to a representative cross-section of key Asian countries, namely the Philippines, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand and Singapore. An independent research company, BNG Market Intelligence, processes the data gathered in this survey.

Results of this survey are published in Reader's Digest and various media across Asia, released in extensive regional and national PR campaigns, as well as presented at media events

in the participating countries.

Based on five brand values—quality, value, trustworthiness, strong image, and understanding of customer needs—there are two types of SuperBrands winners.

The Gold Award is given to a brand that has achieved a high level of both quantitative and qualitative scores, performing clearly above other brands in the category. Wilkins won this award in 1999.

A Platinum SuperBrand Award, which Wilkins won three in a row, is a rarity, which means consumers have given their trust and confidence to Wilkins three times more than the next brand.

Wilkins has not only performed outstandingly well on both qualitative and quantitative values

consistently over other brands, it even scored three times higher than its runner-up.

Wilkins maintains its edge over competitors primarily through a rigid, state-of-the-art purification process called SPE-5. This is a five-step system that thoroughly purifies water and brings it back to its original form. What consumers get is truly pure and, therefore, safe drinking water.

Winning the SuperBrands Awards, and a third Platinum to boot, shows that, indeed, nothing can be purer than Wilkins. And just as Reader's Digest Asia's SuperBrands Survey is the benchmark of brand preferences in Asia, Wilkins certainly continues to be the benchmark of purity and safety in the Philippines.

Give your mom a 'Gift of Love'

HAVE YOU thought of a "gift of love" to give your moms this Mother's Day? How about a gift of good health, a noteworthy expression of your love that would last through the years?

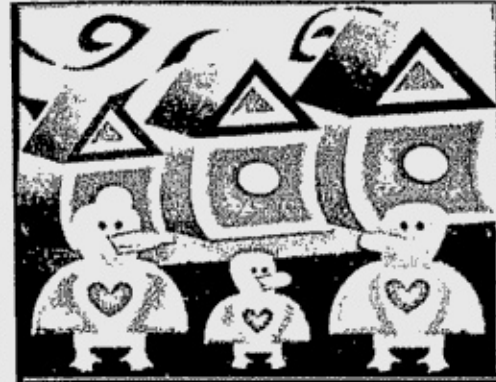
Ensure, Abbott Laboratories' complete and balanced nutritional, makes this year's celebration of Mother's Day extra special for the whole family as it highlights the ever-growing bond between mother and child through special activities that foster togetherness, and bring us tips to ensure good health and happier living for one's beloved elderly.

Ensure has prepared a Mother's Day treat ongoing until May 14 simultaneously at the Alabang Town Center in Muntinlupa City and Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Mall in Mandaluyong City, where Ensure booths will be set up.

In line with this, a dietitian will be available for nutrition assessment and counseling. The family can also drop by for the Ensure Pick-A-Gift game. The game will feature different subject categories about mothers, each of which involves questions about mothers and family. Getting the right answer entitles the winner to choose a gift from the premium items that would be made available.

More exciting treats will be included, like free makeover for Mom and a digital pictorial with her family after every purchase of Ensure.

Ensure is a unique nutritional product since it is the only complete and balanced nutritional that can replace a meal. It is so complete and balanced that it can be a sole source of nutrition. Thus, it is the number one doctor-recommended oral meal replacement in the United States and the Philippines. Ensure is surely "a gift of life and a gift of love."



90 years of bringing the best to every home, everywhere

WHAT'S IT LIKE to be a nonagenarian? Do the years wear you down, or is life as vibrant and exciting as your formative days? Apparently, life does get better as time goes on. Just ask the Whirlpool Corp. which celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2001.

Whirlpool had its humble beginnings in 1911 as the Uptown Machine Co. For the next 90 years, despite the upheavals of history and the economy, that small business has grown and thrived.

Today, Whirlpool is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances. The company manufactures in 13 countries and markets in more than 170 nations under major brand names such as Whirlpool, KitchenAid, Roper, Estate, Bauknecht, Ignis, Laden, Inglis, Brastemp and Consul. Whirlpool Corp. is also a leading supplier to Sears, Roebuck and Co. of several major home appliances marketed under the Kenmore brand name. Their products are so successful that one product is sold every two seconds in the world.

One secret to Whirlpool's success is its keen understanding of the consumer's needs, which it has been developing for decades. Whirlpool's constant pursuit of customer insight has led to innovative products and services.

In addition to customer service, developing energy-efficient appliances has been an ongoing global commitment for the Whirlpool Corp. since the 1970s. All over the world, Whirlpool continues to introduce products and features that earn awards and recognition, such as Brazil's Procel energy efficiency seal and Australia's prestigious Galaxy Energy Awards for leadership in energy-efficient appliances.

Whirlpool has been exporting home appliances to Asia for over 30 years. In 1992, as part of an aggressive move to increase its presence throughout the region, Whirlpool appointed Excellence Appliance Technologies Inc. as the exclusive authorized distributor of the Whirlpool brand of products for the entire Philippines. Its showroom at 22 D. Street, Quezon City displays Whirlpool's outstanding product lineup. Now, the prestige, efficiency, and durability of the Whirlpool brand are available locally for your home. Consider some of the unique features that have made Whirlpool the market leader in home appliances worldwide.

Whirlpool's Whispure with 3M Filtrete Airconditioners are built to last from the inside out. Its energy-efficient compressors, bacteria-resistant air filters, and aesthetically designed front grills are cool features that are made to make a difference in your life.

Whirlpool microwave ovens are made to give you time for the little things that mean so much. With Whirlpool's Crisp or Grill Function, Stage Cooking and One Touch Cooking Function, you can fry, grill, defrost, reheat, and cook things you never thought possible in a microwave oven.

Whirlpool's Electric Ranges are designed to fit your busy lifestyle and make you spend less time in the kitchen. It is safe, easy to use and clean, and large enough to cook a week's meal at a time. It is also flexible and built to give you the same results time after time.

Whirlpool's Double-Duty Surligator makes short work of even the heaviest wash loads. It saves you water and energy, leaving you time for more important things, like straightening the tangles and removing the creases in your life.

The Whirlpool Fully Automatic Dryer is a life-saver for large and active families. Its Accu-Dry monitors the dryness of the clothes and automatically shuts the dryer off, helping you save on your energy bill and making your home run smoothly and efficiently.

Whatever your needs, Whirlpool has the right refrigerator and freezer for you, with convenient and cost-saving features that cater to your discriminating taste. The Accu-Chill System keeps the temperature consistent throughout the ref. The Automatic Exterior Moisture Control prevents "sweating" and moisture. And the Built-in Bio Deodorizer makes unpleasant odors a thing of the past.

The No Frost Upright Freezer is the first of its kind in the market today. And our sizable Chest Freezers, designed for durability and function, will meet all your frozen food requirements.

Quite simply, Whirlpool creates the world's best home appliances that make life a little easier and more enjoyable for all people. With such a long history and generations of satisfied customers, one can only expect the Whirlpool Corp. to last another 90 years.

For more information on Whirlpool and its products, visit www.whirlpool.com.ph.

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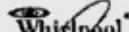
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Rustan's and Metro Working Mom gives Mothers Special Treats



Rustan's lies up with Metro Working Mom to give mothers special treats in celebration of Mother's Day.

This month's issue of Metro Working Mom contains Mommy Treat Coupons which can be exchanged for specially packaged Mommy Treats at Rustan's Makati.

Moms can choose from any of these treats:

- * Free make-over at Christian Dior
- * Free color printing and skin analysis at Prescriptives
- * Free foot spa at Essenses
- * 25% off on any treatment at the Institut Clarins
- * Free entrance to a Lamaze workshop at Rustan's
- * 20% off on MontBlanc writing instruments
- * Free shampoo and blow dry for every haircut at Kids Hair Salon and 10% off for every haircut
- * Free picture-taking for Mommy and her child at the Child's Play Photography
- * 10% off on all tea products at the Essenses Tea Bar

Coupons can be redeemed at counters especially marked with a rose icon. These coupons also entitle mothers to join a raffle draw where they can win a Nars make-up set, Caudalie facial skin care set, silver necklace, silver bracelet, a complete outfit from JILL, a Soba bowl from Rustan's Home and a Ladies' bag.

These treats run till May 31, 2002 at Rustan's Makati.

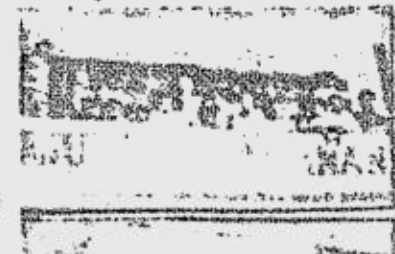


A Rose for the Woman Who Bears the Sweetest Name Known to Any Child...Naturally, Mom.

This Mother's Day, Rustan's gives mothers a special treat. Not only is Rustan's offering some great discounts for a selection of gifts for mothers, the exclusive department store will also give out roses to mothers who shop at its Metro Manila stores.

The first 1,000 mothers who will shop at Rustan's Makati, Alabang, Shangri-La Plaza, Harrison Plaza and Cubao will be given roses by wards of the Munting Tahanan for Street Children based in Bataan. The children, who will be roaming the stores, will be dressed in colorful matching outfits provided by Jern, Rustan's in-house fashion brand for children.

What will be most touching to the mothers who will receive these roses is that they will be recipients of gifts from children, some of whom may not have known the loving care of mothers.



The Munting Tahanan Home for Street Children houses runaway and abused children who were found roaming the streets of Bataan. The institute was established by students, teachers, nuns, priests and professionals of the local Campus Ministry. The Munting Tahanan Home of Street Children protects the rights of these unwanted youth by providing them with a Christ-centered education and looking after their general welfare.

Gift Ideas & Suggestions Naturally for Mom!

It's a month-long celebration at Rustan's as we pay tribute to the most loving, caring, nurturing woman in the world - naturally mom! We want to make her feel special. That's why we're giving her lots of discounts, treats, and gifts! But the best part is, you too, can enjoy these treats when you purchase a gift for your mom.

Having a hard time trying to decide on a gift? Drop by any Rustan's store and shop for the perfect present at our gifts-to-go counters! A wide array of choices are available and for your convenience, gifts are all wrapped-up and ready to go!

It's three times the fun for Frequent Shoppers Plus members! If you shop between May 4 to May 12, your FSP points will be tripled! So if you shop for mom, you get something for yourself too!

At Rustan's Makati, special treats await moms every time she presents coupons found inside the May issue of Metro Working Mom.



The celebration continues as we go from floor to floor with gift ideas, perks, and prizes from the different departments.

First stop, the Home Department.

Her home is her castle. It's her domain. And what better way to treat her than with gifts and discounts fit for a queen.

- For a P5,000 single minimum purchase of NAO items, get a free candle plus a candleholder at Rustan's Makati, Shangri-La Plaza, Alabang, Harrison Plaza and Cubao.
- 20% off on cash purchases on all regular picture frames at Rustan's Makati, Shangri-La Plaza, Alabang, Harrison Plaza and Cubao.
- Get P3,950 savings with every purchase of 2-pc Berndes Cookware Set at Rustan's Makati.

Tickle her fancy at the Ladies' Department of Rustan's with its wide array of gift suggestions, discounts, and give-aways.

- 20% off on Ladies' imported shoes, bags, and fashion accessories with every P2,500 minimum net purchase of The Sak shoes and bags
- 30% off on every purchase of fans and handkerchiefs
- Free nail care kit with a minimum P2,500 net purchase of The Sak
- Free gold necklace with a P10,000 minimum net purchase from Nina Ricci boutique
- Free compact mirror with every purchase of Carolee Jewelry
- Free make-up bag with every purchase of a pair of Aerosole shoes

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The pleasure trip doesn't stop at the Ladies' Department. Next stop, the Men's Department with gifts, facial & body treatments, and discounts, all to captivate her loving heart. Men really do know how to treat a lady right.

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- 20% off on Bobble-e bags and accessories. (Offer available at Rustan's Makati only)
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- For every P5,000 worth of Clarins products or treatments, get 10% off on selected Montblanc Ladies' collections. (Montblanc Boheme - writing instruments and small leather goods; Jungle Eyes Collection - writing instruments and costume jewellery)

*Montblanc shops are located in all Rustan's Department Stores in Metro Manila and at The Powerplant.

Finally, pamper her from head to toe with special gifts from Origins.

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And, if you still can't decide, give her a Rustan's Gift Certificate so she'll know how much you love her. After all, who else deserves this much attention and affection--naturally mom!

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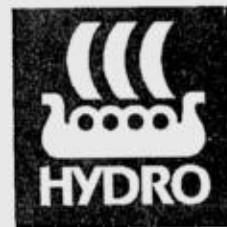
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- Male or female with background in Business Management
- Preferably has work experience in cellphone retailing business
- Has knowledge on sales report preparation
- Computer literate
- Has a very good selling strategy, and good analysis for the store's business improvement and development
- Has a very strong leadership skills to motivate people
- With integrity, work standards, critical analyses, stress tolerance, great ideas and initiative

SALES ASSOCIATES

- Male or female between 18-25 years old
- With excellent communication skills
- Preferably has work experience in cellphone retailing business
- Has a very good selling strategy
- Has a positive outlook towards everyday sales movement
- Can establish set of contracts of clients
- With integrity, work standards, critical analyses, stress tolerance, great ideas and initiative

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- Male or female between 18-25 years old
- Preferably with previous experience as cashier
- Has knowledge in balancing sales for the day to day
- Computer literate
- With integrity, work standards, critical analyses, stress tolerance, great ideas and initiative

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- Male or female between 18-30 years old
- Has a very keen analysis for details
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- Computer literate
- With integrity, work standards, critical analyses, stress tolerance, great ideas and initiative

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SAGA Minstrels of a Generation

By Eric S. Caruncho
Photographs by Mike Alquinto



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Step 3: Team them up with Rey Valera and Vehnee Saturno, the undisputed local kings of saccharine pop who, between the two of them, probably rake in half the videoke royalties in the country.

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"Ang Aming Awit," the fearsome foursome's debut album as Saga, has sold respectably well (considering the dire economic straits the local music industry is currently in). How well? Enough for the pirates to take notice.

The project has also stirred interest among the band's collective fan base, so much so that the group has recently been invited to perform in Toronto, Canada. They are also slated to appear in Los Angeles, California later this year. In between, if all goes well, local audiences will finally get a chance to see Saga live as the group launches its first mall tour.

"Saga is the music of the previous generations that can still appeal to the present generation," says songwriter Vehnee Saturno, who initiated the project.

Saturno broke into the local music scene in
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"Fearsome foursome":
(clockwise from top left) Valera, Saturno, Aguilar, Hanopol

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the early '80s when he wrote "Be My Lady," which became a hit for Martin Nievera. He soon became one of the most prolific songwriters in the industry, penning material for the likes of Ariel Rivera, Donna Cruz, Ted Ito, Jessa Zaragoza and Jaya.

Two years ago, Saturno and other songwriters formed a group called Musika ng Masa to lobby for government action against record piracy. The group had all the big names in the local music scene—Levi Celerio, George Canseco, Felipe Cenizal, and of course, the future members of Saga. Musika ng Masa went nowhere, however, and Saturno thought their energies would be better spent making music.

He had written a song titled "Ang Aming Awit," a sort of folk-rock number which he thought might work for a group. When he couldn't find a suitable existing group, he thought: why not form a new group instead?

Although he is basically a non-performer, preferring to work behind the scenes as composer and producer for other artists, Saturno soon got the other members interested.

Of the four, Rey Valera was the obvious choice as collaborator. Like Saturno, he specialized in radio-friendly pop ballads. The unassuming Bulakeño has in fact been making hits since the 1970s. His compositions form part of the canon of Pinoy pop: "Sinambaba Kita," "Kung Kailangan Mo Ako," "Ako Si Superman," "Mr. DJ," "Malayo Pa Ang Umaga." The songwriter proved more enduring than the singers he initially wrote songs for, among them Rico Puno, Pol Enriquez and Claire de la Fuente. Valera's two "Greatest Hits" albums are steady sellers, and he performs in sold-out concerts in the States once or twice a year.

Freddie Aguilar was a less likely choice. He has carved out a solid niche as a solo performer, singing his own material for the most part.

At first glance, Mike Hanopol was even farther afield. His biggest hits were Pinoy rock riff-fests, first with the Juan de la Cruz Band, and later on his own.

But beneath their respective images, both Aguilar and Hanopol possessed keen pop sensibilities. Hanopol did session work for such unlikely artists as Nora Aunor and Imelda Papin. He was also the composer, producer and vocalist behind Hagibis, the local version of the Village People, who had a string of hits in the late '70s (a fact that the group's label sought to conceal at the time).

As far-fetched as it may seem, the original inspiration for Saga was the million-selling country-rock supergroup the Eagles, according to Saturno. The members of the Eagles came from different backgrounds in rock, folk and country but they managed to come up with a distinctive pop formula that sold millions of records.

"What we were aiming for was to come up with songs that



All together now: Saga rehearses before a gig

would be right for the four of us," says Saturno.

This was easier said than done, however. Rather than focus on performance, the members decided that they would focus on their obvious strength: songcraft.

In spite of its epic connotation, Saga—the name the four chose for themselves—is actually an acronym for "songs and generations after."

"In Tagalog, saga is also a small red and black seed," explains Saturno. "Our songs were the seeds planted over three decades—the '70s, '80s and '90s. *Eto na ngayon ang bunga* (now here's the fruit)."

In short, the group sought to distill the essence of the last three decades of Pinoy pop music, and produce songs aimed at today's audiences. In spite of their respective solo stature, the members wisely chose to check their egos at the door before committing to the group.

"Walang prima donna dito," says Saturno. "We agreed that we would all be band members, each with an equal voice." "Bigayan," agrees Mike Hanopol.

"Walang sapawan. Walang ego."

Everyone realized that the only way for the experiment to work was if it was a totally democratic exercise: one man, one vote. An idea would only be pursued if the majority agreed on it, says Saturno.

For the first album, each member contributed three songs. The songs were then fleshed out in the studio, with all four members collaborating on the arrangements and the production.

As an ex-seminarian with church choir experience, Hanopol took charge of the vocal arrangements. "It was hard because each member was a soloist in his own right," he recalls. "Each one could carry the melody, but doing the second- or third-part harmony was another matter."

For "Ang Aming Awit," it was also decided that each member would sing a line, then all four would chime in on the chorus. Surprisingly, the group's voices, distinctive individually, blend surprisingly well in the final mix.

The "one man, one vote" rule extended beyond the studio. Once the album was

finished, the group decided to shop around for a record label. Given their collective stature in the industry, they decided—half seriously—to set the price at an unheard-of P10 million. Much to their surprise, the relatively small label Concorde (home of Isabel Granada and Ai-ai de las Alas) made an offer of P5 million.

"Eh di solbi!" laughs Hanopol.

(An interesting sidelight: On the morning they finished the final mix of the album, Hanopol was having breakfast at McDonald's when a fan went up to him and told him the new Saga song "Ang Aming Awit" was great. He explained to the dumfounded Hanopol that he had heard it on the Internet.)

Ironically, the project that began in an anti-piracy meeting has itself been pirated. But this hasn't deterred the members of Saga from beginning work on their second album. With their individual solo careers, scheduling meetings, rehearsals and recording sessions is still a nightmare, but according to Saturno, they hope to hit the studios soon.

Platinum never sleeps.

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The Cover Image Mike Hanopol, Freddie Aguilar, Rey Valera and Veneer Saturno join forces in an album so good it's pirated even before it airs Photograph by Mike Alquinto

Poetry

Forgiveness

The candle flame is reaching upwards in this bar, up to the edge of its tip, a taut string of anger a breath away from snapping and recoiling. Hardly anything you can do about it now. This month of cooled down thoughts is closing every window you've named, the ones you keep in your dream and secret. There is a scream in there. It wants to return damage, loves scars, remembers. This morning you read how a girl who was raped came running out of an abandoned building downtown, a girl who will wait all her life to speak. Vengeance is her voice. Others say justice. But when the hours are split into their minutes, who can ask what the difference is? Intoxicated now, you are hardly like yourself, closer, you say, to who you are. Slowly, focus sharpens until the girl has to leave, your eyes on the small of her back, through the smoky hall, the door, past shops closing across the street, past herself. And you are wondering now, aren't you? You are wondering how you let her go that deep inside you.

Marc Escalona Gaba

THANKS FROM AN ASI FAN

I ALWAYS read and value every issue of SIM. I find it to be the most interesting and informative fare for Sunday reading. Thank you so much for featuring my idol, PBA strongman Pauli Asi Taulava Jr. ("Asi Unbound," SIM, 28 April 2002). Being a basketball lover, reading such an article was really a great pleasure. Thank you so much to Ruel S. De Vera for a great and informative article and likewise to Ernie U. Sarmiento for very nice and creative photographs.

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GETTING THE JET SET

I READ the article of Fe B. Zamora ("Woman of Outrageous Fortune," SIM, 5 May 2002). I was a bit bothered by the use of the word "jet set" in the article and to wit: "Like the typical hacenderos of the '50s and the '60s, they wallowed in luxury and sent their sons and daughters to jet set with the rich and famous."

The word was used as a verb and the "American Heritage Dictionary" had no such provision for it to be used as a verb. Moreover, "jet set" is made up of two words, not one. Here is the entry from the American Heritage Dictionary about jet set:

jet set n. 1. An international social set made up of wealthy people who

travel from one fashionable place to another.

jet-set or jet-setting adj.
jet setter n.

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ERRATA: The Platypus Publishing book launching (SIM, 5 May 2002) has been postponed. "The Battle of Manila" will be out later this summer while the Philip Buencamino diaries are still in production. SIM regrets the error.—Ed.

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Businesswatch

By Gina Abuyan-Llanes

Under Each Other's Skin

ASK Vermen M. Verallo-Rowell and her daughter Laura Verallo-Bertoto to describe each other and you'll get the same answer—though not in so many words. Dr. Verallo says her daughter is a "whirlwind, caught up in a flurry of activity," while Laura regards her mom as an "Energizer Bunny, up at four in the morning to work out, then clinic-clinic-clinic all day, with appointments, meetings and dinners until about two in the morning."

Their ebullience is contagious. It's what livens up the green room in the sprawling Verallo home one balmy May eve, when the rest of the house is tranquil, almost sleepy. The famed doctor is perched on a stool; Laura is sprawled over the felt. Merlot and cheese and crackers make the mood even livelier. Things may seem A-OK now, but it actually took years of rebelliousness—against each other, against the mainstream—to form this sort of dynamism and effortless exchange of energy.

Dr. Verallo is the founder of VMV Hypo-Allergenics, the 25-year-old skin care company, the biggest one in the country today. If it appears to be a big deal now, it was more so then—when a cosmetics brand with a comprehensive skin care line was unheard of in the Philippines and formed by a female doctor, to boot. That the elder Verallo was also divorced and was raising a child on her own "was a huge thing in the '70s," says Laura. "Unheard of," adds her mother.

While the doctor stood her ground against a conservative society, Laura later found her reason for dissent in such issues as "Manila society, racism, homophobia and how horrible the people are, and whitening cream—you name it!"

The duo's rebellion also stemmed from their personal insecurities. Dr. Verallo's from "being short and having a funny name—I thought, if I had a name like Cynthia, I wouldn't be such a doer!" Laura's from "the double jeopardy of having bad skin (a case now known as sweat acne, which perplexed her mother back then) and having this famous dermatologist as a mother...and my own personal dramas. I was overdramatic, Norma Desmond, that's me..."

Fortunately for Laura, she managed to channel her doggedness into the academe and earned her masters and PhD in English and Semiotics, the study of the science of symbols. Working in theatre and graphic arts in New York, she came back to the Philippines in 1998 to be involved full time in VMV when her stepfather, Glendon Rowell, became sick of multiple myoma (he's in full remission now).

"I figured they had given me as much freedom as I've ever wanted, everything—so it was time for me to come home," Laura recalls. "And so I became involved in VMV since I was 18, doing copy and design; it seemed like the logical thing to do."

Currently, Laura is VMV's general manager—a job that has her interacting with her mother on a different relational level altogether. "Like in any family business, it's hard to separate the professional from the personal, but we really try."

Adds Dr. Verallo: "What makes it good is that we're able to talk about problems and air them out rather than pretending they don't exist."

Their differences in the workplace lie basically in their problem-solving techniques.

"She's extremely spiritual," Laura says of her mother. "She taught me how to meditate. When my mom has a problem, she goes 'I don't see a problem,' then she meditates, and she's happy!" Adds Laura: "I tell her, 'You may be in Nirvana, but we're still here!' I'm different, I'm more 'you got to get this done, now-now-now!' I'm a stickler for unresolved issues, and that becomes a bit hard."

But there's always resolution, sometimes, when the older Verallo calls her daughter in the middle of the night and concedes, "I'm sorry, I see your point."

"Rare, but it happens," kids Laura.

What they do agree on is Dr. Verallo's preference not to be associated with the brand, for obvious ethical reasons. "I would like to be known as a good dermatologist and a good researcher. And as a person who's been curious enough to do the studies that I did all these years."

"I had a lecture two weeks ago with the Philippine Dermatological Society, and I needed everyone about this trip to the American Academy of Dermatology. It's not about shopping. You go for six days, you pay for the trip with your own money—as I do, no drug company pays for my trip. I feel beholden to no one but myself. So I really learn what I should learn when I'm there," she continues.

Coming back from such trips means applying what she's learned to the Philippine setting, says Dr. Verallo. Her book, "Skin in the Tropics," is a collection of the questions she has asked herself over the past 25 years, over issues like skin pigmentation, lighteners and the like.

"I'm almost apologetic (when asked about my brand)," she explains. "Like if someone is allergic of the formaldehyde preservatives in cosmetics, I say, 'Unfortunately there's only

The mother-and-daughter team of Vermen Verallo-Rowell and Laura Verallo-Bertoto share more than their passion for work. The two recall bouts of rebellion in their early years as they grappled with their personal insecurities. Years later, such angst would help them establish a skincare business that's anything but mainstream

one product line in this country that doesn't have that.' I don't like to push it."

How Dr. Verallo can remain detached from her own brand can be likened to how she raised Laura to find her own identity instead of remaining in her shadow. While the two are undoubtedly cut from the same cloth, their differences make them shine on their own.

"I believe that children are only with

you so you can help them become their own persons. For Laura to become my clone is alien to me," she explains. "I'm just so happy that she wanted to do this thing for VMV."

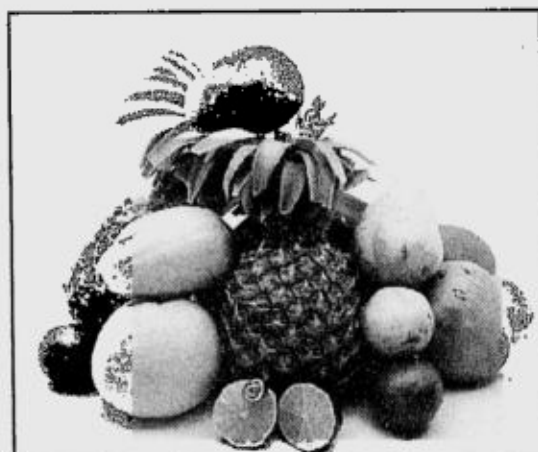
"It's a different level of commitment," Laura says. "It just keeps you up at night, and that's why I'm so stressed now, I'm all jumpy. But I think what helps is that I love what I do. I love these products

and I love having everything to do with them."

Apparently, the passion for work and their own brand isn't the only bond that this mother and daughter team shares. Almost simultaneously, they smile at each other and break out into peals of girlish, infectious laughter. Under the skin, they are just two women having fun, loving life and each other.



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Trailblazers

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero

A Neglected Living Treasure

IN A MODEST, rented two-story apartment in Sampaloc, Manila, lives a neglected living treasure of the music world: coloratura soprano Mercedes Matias Santiago, 92, the first Filipina to sing in Milan, Italy, and the first Filipina to sing "Lucia de Lammermoor" at the Manila Grand Opera House in the late 1940s.

Mercedes—known as The Maestra to students and friends—is the last of the triumvirate of Jovita Fuentes and Isang Tapales who made a name for themselves in the opera houses of Europe during the antebellum years.

What can she say about her two late colleagues? "I knew them well but we were not close," the Maestra says simply. In truth, there was tension and professional jealousy among the three prima donnas.

To enter Maestra Mercedes' home in a busy middle-income neighborhood is to enter the world of the '30s. You are greeted by a dramatic vintage painting, circa late 1940s, of the diva as Donizetti's Lucia, brandishing a knife. It was done by a member of the Gaston clan of Bacolod, but Mercedes has forgotten his first name.

Despite some trouble with exact dates and names, the diva's memory remains sharp. Still attractive, her face retaining traces of the beauty of her youth, Mercedes becomes animated as she talks about her past. She is gracious and

articulate, and fluent in several languages.

In her air-conditioned second-floor study room are 42 opera scores, portraits of the composer Giuseppe Verdi and that of St. Cecilia, patron saint of music, *santós* and other religious images, mounted photographs of yore as well as laminated newspaper clippings about her.

The Maestra lives only with two retainers, including Mary, who can whip up a mean *pochero*, and three dogs who are the joy of her life. She wakes up before 7 a.m., reads and has a leisurely breakfast, and by 9 a.m. is ready to receive her students.

Teaching is her main source of income. Former students who became famous include Conchita Gaston, Dalisay Aldaba, Remedios Bosch Jimenez, Aurora Quezon,

Luz Morales, Enya Gonzalez and Nina Zandueta. She has been teaching for the past 50 years.

Mercedes was born on March 4, 1910 in Cavite City, one of three children of Don Juan Matias, a division head of the US Navy in the province, and Rosario Regalado, a housewife. She attended St. Theresa's College in San Marcelino, Manila, and impressed everyone with her singing voice. In 1928, her father sold three of their lots so Mercedes could undergo voice training in Milan, Italy.

It was a bad time in Europe. Adolf Hitler, not yet in power, was creating a disturbance in Germany. In Italy, the Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, propped up by his rampaging Black Shirts, ruled with an

Now 92, coloratura soprano Mercedes Matias Santiago has yet to be recognized for her contribution to opera and national opera "Lucia de Lammermoor," her life, she declares, is "a little sad, a little tragic and a little romantic"

KIKO KABUENA



People for the Planet

By Cocoy Reyes

Photographs by Lory Tan

Heroes of Tubbataha

FOR several members of the Philippine Navy and Coast Guard, nothing beats ingenuity, courage and good old Pinoy *abilidad* (bluster). The group once faced the unusual problem of having to rope in five foreign fishing vessels with a motley crew and a small boat.

It all started when Coast Guard rangers and researchers spotted five peculiar boats in the Tubbataha area. The vessels looked similar to those previously caught for illegal fishing activities off Palawan. The rangers immediately radioed the Navy for assistance. In the meantime, they had to find a way to make the vessels stay put before the Navy got there. So the group waved empty water bottles in the guise of asking for something to drink. Upon boarding the vessel, they found out that the fishermen were from Hainan, China, and were, in fact, hauling in turtles and giant clams from the protected marine area to take back to their homeland.

The rangers stalled for time by making small talk until the Navy boat arrived. While the Navy boat pursued one vessel, the others scattered, heading off in different directions. After giving chase for a while, the Navy fired at the boat it was pursuing. It finally stopped, and a few Filipino sailors boarded it. They transferred most of the Chinese to the Navy boat, leaving one Navy man on the Chinese vessel and a skeletal crew of Chinese fishermen to man the boat, and then pursued another vessel. The same cycle of apprehending and transferring the fishermen commenced. This went on until the group was able to stop four of the five boats. By this time, the small Navy boat was filled to

Devoted environmental activists and intrepid Coast Guard rangers recount how they wage an everyday battle against illegal fishing vessels in this marine sanctuary

the brim with Chinese fishermen. And the four vessels? The handful of soldiers left on these vessels stoically faced the danger of keeping the Chinese crew on board under check, so they can commandeer the illegal boats to Puerto Princesa City.

But danger is a given among the lawyers, rangers, the Navy, the Tubbataha Park Office and staff of World Wide Fund for Nature-Philippines, all of whom have locked arms to keep away uninvited foreign vessels from the country's rich marine grounds. Fleets of fishing boats from China, Vietnam, Malaysia and Taiwan regularly sweep through our waters to steal fish, dolphins, sharks, turtles, and other endangered species that they market as a delicacy. Chasing illegal vessels and poachers, who might

be armed, is part of the job, says this intrepid group of environmentalists.

In the forefront of the cases filed against the Chinese fishermen caught poaching within the Tubbataha National Marine Park is the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS). At the helm of PCSDS are lawyers Lito Alisuag, its director, and Adelle Villena, executive assistant for legal affairs.

The poaching incident has changed Adelle's routine. For starters, she practically lives in her office now. Vigilance will help win this case, she says, and she's more than willing to devote time and effort to make sure nothing goes wrong. This is not the first time foreign commercial fish workers have been caught in Philippine waters. But most poachers have had it too easy: they're dealt a slap on the wrist and then sent home. Adelle has made it her personal mission to make sure that these interlopers do not get away on a technicality. She says her husband is fully supportive of the sacrifices she has to make. As Adelle puts it, "Riding on rubber dinghies to check on evidence is hardly the best way to go about it."

Lito Alisuag has been the Director of PCSDS since 1998. This case against the Chinese illegal fishers has been a learning experience all around, he says. "It tells them to stay away from our waters. At the same time, it exposes the flaws in our justice system. We've known a lot of sad stories and failures. It's time that we have our own success story."

Lito is proud that PCSDS is in a position to make things happen. "PCSDS has finally asserted its mandate," he says. "We are learning how to prosecute (lawbreakers) properly and how to maximize our potential. We've also seen the need to strengthen our legal



The Maestra today (top); Mercedes in Italy in 1931 with her director S. Malagudi

iron hand.

At a concert, Mercedes was presented to Mussolini. "He was a stern man," she recalls. "He did not smile or laugh. He was curious about my costume. So I told him it was a saya, a formal gown for Filipino women." She did not have tea with Mussolini.

In 1931, Mercedes made her debut as Gilda in Verdi's "Rigoletto" at the Teatro Dolverne in Milan. "It was wonderful," she gushes 71 years later. "I was so proud. I was the first Filipina to sing in Milano, although Jovita (Fuentes) sang there later."

She stayed for five years in Italy. Her favorite voice teacher was Rosina Scorpio, the leading coloratura in Italy, and said to be the mistress of legendary conductor Arturo Toscanini.

Back home, the Maestra sang at the Manila Metropolitan Theater and the Manila Grand Opera House with the leading tenors of her time, her favorite being the late Octavio Cruz of Pasig City. Besides "Rigoletto," her repertoire included "La Traviata," "The Barber of Seville" and "La Sonnambula."

She has since sung in Manila and key cities like Baguio, Cebu, Iloilo and Davao, and taught in leading conservatories before finally buckling down full-time to being a voice teacher at home.

The Maestra has citations and plaques of appreciation from numerous institutions, but no national honors have come her way although she is decidedly of National Artist caliber. The Cultural Center of the Philippines has not even given her a CCP Gawad Award.

National Artists Lucio D. San Pedro and Levi Celerio were her dear friends and she feels bad that they, like her, were neglected in their twilight years. The Maestra smiles and puts on a brave front, "Many say I am neglected but I don't really mind."

She has lived a full life but would rather not talk about personal matters. "My life is something like the opera 'Lucia de Lammermoor,'" she declares. "It's a little sad, a little tragic and a little romantic."

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Sanctuary activists (L to R): Angelique Sangco, Lito Alisuag and Adelle Villena

Foodies

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

The Man from Avila

He is, indisputably, the dean of Spanish cuisine in the Philippines. Mention *paella*, *cochinillo*, *lengua* and *callos* and people think of Don Anastacio de Alba of the Don Alba's chain of *restaurante español*. "I think people see these dishes on my face," he says of the fiesta staples that have proven to be Filipino favorites these past 50 years.

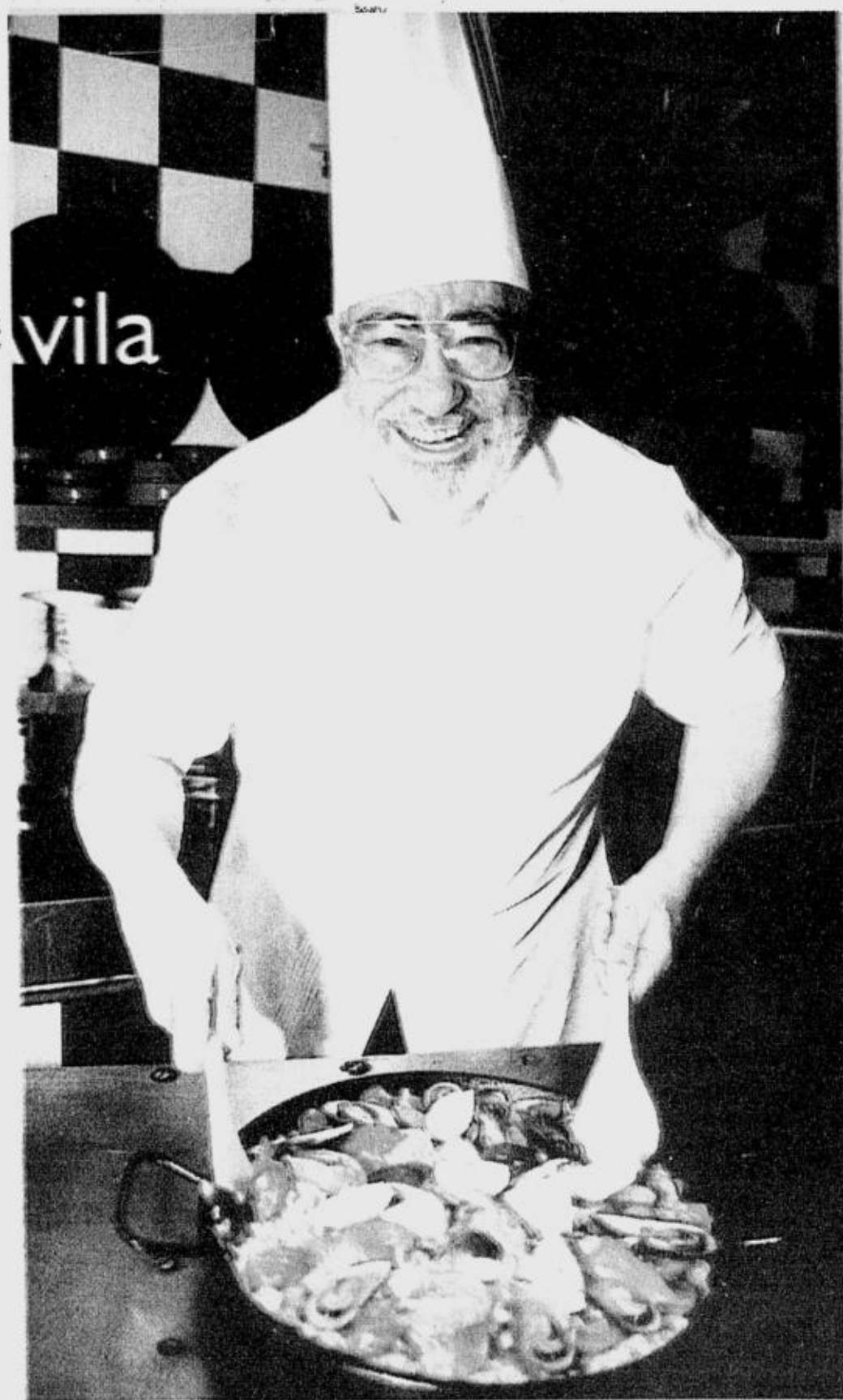
But Don Alba, almost 76, who, with his beret and white wraparound beard resembles Ernest Hemingway, is as Pinoy as one can get. Not only has he become a citizen and speaks the language like a native, his taste too has veered towards simple everyday Filipino food. "I like plain rice *lugaw* with rock salt," he says, "and *sinigang* cooked the old-fashioned way with clear broth and lots of kamias or *sampalok*, chicken *adobo*, fish or prawns with coconut cream and Bicol *laing*. I like *caldereta* too but I can't afford to eat it now," he laughs pointing to his arthritic limbs and prominent paunch.

The man from Avila, Spain came to the Philippines in 1952. "It's been a life of coincidences," he confides. He was working in a restaurant in Madrid when Don Antonio Roxas of the Ayala family, a regular, asked around for a chef to come to Manila's Casino Español. "Nobody wanted to go but since I was 23 and had no family, I came over." Despite the heat which he found unbearable at first, he fell in love with the country, easily mixing in with the *hoi polloi* as he waded in Quiapo to buy supplies for the day's menu. But the vendors couldn't resist cheating the bushy browed Castila who forthwith decided to learn the language fast. "I chatted with my friends from Binondo and watched Tagalog movies avidly. The plots are very similar to that of Spanish movies—plenty of priests, funerals and cemeteries." Two months later, he could swear with the worst of them.

"Oh, you know how it is when you're new in a strange country," says Don Alba. "They teach you the most colorful, most obscene terms first to get you into trouble." He was once asked to compliment a distinguished gentleman with the words "you goddamn son of a bitch," but fortunately, the man took it lightly. He was in for real trouble, though, at a posh party with the likes of Don Chino and Paquita Rocas and the late Supreme Court Justice Claudio Teehankee. Finding hair in his soup and determined to impress his hosts with his newfound facility for Tagalog, the irrepressible *Español* blurted out crisply, "May bul--- dito!" (There's pubic hair here). "My host told me she wanted to hide under the table afterwards," he chortles.

Fortunately, his social gaffe has not stopped otherwise respectable folk, among them presidents, diplomats and justices, from dining at Alba's and making it the most popular place for Spanish cuisine. His cooking genes helped, of course. "My family owned a restaurant in Spain, and I was helping out in the kitchen ever since I can remember," he says. Since 1952, he has handled 22 restaurants in the Philippines, starting with Casino Español at Maria Orosa, to La Mancha at Magallanes, and the latest Alba's along Tomas Morato, Quezon City which

Fifty years ago, Don Anastacio de Alba shipped off to Philippine shores and introduced Spanish cuisine beyond fiesta food. It was hardly a quixotic quest: his name and his cooking has since been on everybody's tongue



ROGER MARGALLO

opened in March this year.

"When I came to the country, 80 percent of food served in restaurants were Chinese dishes," recalls Don Alba. "Spanish food was cooked by housewives and eaten at home or during fiestas." He set off to make Spanish cuisine part of the dining out experience. "I introduced authentic Spanish cooking in the Philippines and my competitors helped me popularize it," he says modestly.

No, he didn't tinker with the original recipes to suit Filipino tastes, says Don Alba. "I only professionalized Spanish cooking here, introducing systems and standards to maintain its taste and quality for the past 50 years." But Filipinos, he admits, have a more developed taste for seasoning; they prefer savory food. "Filipinos like to eat with a lot of sauces around: *patis*, *toyo*, *suka*, *sili*... Once, I tasted Filipino *caldereta* and I went, 'Aba, mas masarap kaysa *caldereta* ko!' So I've

learned to make my dishes a little more savory for Filipino taste."

Despite the evident success of his restaurant chain, Don Alba believes there's always room for improvement. "I'm always learning something new and not just from recipe books," he says. "I create my own and experiment a lot. I also use local ingredients as much as I can because they're fresher and more flavorful. Did you know that Batangas tenderloin is tastier than imported beef?"

Fifty years in the business has given Don Alba precious insights into the Filipino diner. "Filipinos love to eat and to share. They're so generous they'd bring out all their food if you dine in their home," he says. Their taste in food is similar to that of the *Español*, he adds, "although Filipinos love garlic and olive oil even more. They also love chicken because of its clean taste. They find duck and rabbit too gamey. Filipinos don't like anything *malansa*. That's why they love *bangus*, *lapu-lapu* and small fishes like *dilis*."

Life, for Don Alba, has always been a full plate. When he was younger, he would finish off his main course with just desserts—*pelota* and the occasional stage role as president of the Teatro Fil-Hispanico. His first role was that of an amiable but impoverished Spaniard who would collar well-off men by their necktie in a comedy aptly titled, "La Corbata." His other roles include that of a Spanish soldier in "Portrait of the Artist as Filipino" and as Padre Damaso in Lino Brocka's "El Filibusterismo."

"I've always been cast as a *contravida*, and I don't mind," says the gruff-voiced Don Alba. "My only fear is that people might overreact to my roles, *baka magalit ang tao sa akin*."

His best role, however, remains that of chef and responsible businessman. Even in the worst of times, "when Ninoy Aquino was killed and everybody closed down their restaurants because of the crisis," Don Alba's remained open. "We had to survive. I have a responsibility to my employees."

But Filipinos are a resilient lot who seldom allow catastrophes to get in the way of their appetite for life, he adds. "The best times we've had was right after EDSA 2, when people threw a lot of parties. But the current economic crisis does not really affect business that much. Even in the history of the world, people have the same attitude: celebrate while there's time. The wildest parties were held during wars."

The current trend towards healthy eating has barely touched his venture as well, notes Don Alba. "Olive oil is healthy," he says, but adds with a wistful sigh: "Oh,

but people didn't use to worry about cholesterol. They believe in God and enjoy life."

It's exactly what the *don* is doing now, as if to make up for those years of grief during the Spanish civil war when he lost both his parents. "My family belonged to the Republicans. When we lost the war, they were killed. I was only 9 years old then," he recalls sadly. "That's why I don't know how it is to have a family. I've always been alone, and I've come to regard being single as my natural state."

Not that he's celibate, as he'd be the first to admit, but he says he's had enough of women. "I love them, but maybe I don't really know how to love never having a family. Maybe I made mistakes so now I don't want other people to suffer anymore. We're not saints, we're only human," he confides. He's been married once, to a woman he met at a party when he was 23 and she was 16. "She's Filipina and for some reason, she was admiring my hands. I was admiring her all. She was very pretty, but then I was also very handsome. We lived together and got married when I was 30." Unable to bear children, they adopted one, he adds. "I loved her with all my soul, but we eventually separated, and now she lives in Spain where she has remarried."

Despite that, he's very happy with the way things have turned out, he says. "Everything happened because they had to happen. I can't ask for anything more, but I now live my life for my nine children. My youngest is 21."

He takes things easy now, he says, smoking Marlboro Lights when he's in action. "If you don't enjoy life, why would you want a long life? So I still smoke and drink, but much less from those days they called me Don Albino (for drink). Friends used to bet that they could out-drink me. Now they're all dead. With my cancer of the thyroid operation, I had an excuse not to drink. And so I've been saved."

He has so far bequeathed his tools and skills to his son Miguel, who has taken over the Bel-Air branch of Alba's with his wife, Cabelle. These days, Don Alba spends time perfecting pastry recipes for his newly-opened bakery at the Morato branch. He is proudest, he says, of the St. Teresa of Avila cake, with whole yolk *yemas* as décor. It reminds him of his hometown, he adds, where his dreams started.

The only dream he has left at this point, Don Alba adds, is to go back onstage again. A second helping of stage roles won't hurt, laughs the avuncular man whose past 50 years in the country have been a veritable feast.

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arm." Lito has come a long way since the days he used to rally against the Marcos dictatorship. "I used to harass the government to implement changes," he recalls. "Now I'm part of the government, but I'm still harassing public officials who do not know how to do their job. There must be an accounting system to expose erring public officials so they cannot hide behind their security of tenure."

With Adelle's persistence and the fire in Lito's belly, PCSDS is making sure that poachers don't end up in the backrooms of the

Department of Foreign Affairs (where they get released for "humanitarian reasons"), and instead get their day in court. Fortunately, the two are not alone in their fight.

LIVER, instructor, wife, and mother: Angelique Songco is all of them when she became manager of the Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park last year, a position she was reluctant to take on initially, fearing that it would interfere with her other responsibilities. Not that she has not been doing her part in protecting and

preserving the reef, being the founder of Sagipin ang Gubat at Dagat (SAGUDA), a non-government member organization of the Protected Area and Management Board of Tubbataha. What made her change her mind? The thought of looking back when she gets older, and regretting not doing all she could for Tubbataha, she muses.

Like a good manager, Angelique deals well with people and delegates tasks efficiently. The same skills helped make the case against the Chinese commercial fish workers. Angelique tapped the right agencies and ensured that everything was in order. The passion to protect Tubbataha was born the day she first went diving in the reef in 1982. Back then, every square foot was a myriad of sea flora and fauna. Though Tubbataha has been a protected area for several years now, it still has to reclaim its former glory. Angelique would like nothing better than to see her children enjoy nature the way she has.

To date, these everyday heroes are still fighting for the conservation of Tubbataha's precious marine heritage. The work is hard and sometimes dangerous. But like real heroes, they see it as just another day's work.



The vigilant rangers under Lt. Rommel U. Labrador (at extreme right)

First Person

By Lizzie R. Santos

Slowly Losing My Mother

My mother has Alzheimer's Disease. I find clothes neatly folded inside the refrigerator, as if it were a bedroom closet. I catch her sprinkling Tide on her toes, as if it were baby powder. I am now used to answering the same question over and over again at five-minute intervals. She claims she just talked to my dead grandmother or dined with my father who passed away when I was still in college. She looks for her puppy under the bed. That puppy was her father's gift to her on her 10th birthday. She is 80.

I used to enjoy talking with my mom. Being the youngest child and only girl, I wore clothes of the same design and print that she did. We were inseparable. When I started working, I'd treat her to Shakey's on weekends. We watched Vilma Santos movies together. On Sunday afternoons, we'd snuggle in bed reading magazines. We took turns feeding our cats and dogs.

Then I became too engrossed in my work and spent less and less time with her. On weekends, I'd sleep the whole day. Since we live in Novaliches, I had to leave early for my eight o'clock job and got home late—too tired to chat with her. But she understood and was always supportive of my job. For 14 years, she was left alone at home while I was at the office. But she did not mind. She had her plants, our pets, and her sewing machine to keep her busy. Her kingdom was our house. In fact, she felt proud of all the tasks she accomplished each day.

I am now a freelancer. I have all the time to spend with my mom. We can chat for hours now, go on vacations out-of-town, watch movies, horse around like we used to.

But it's too late.

She now has her own little world. She can't understand what I say. She can't appreciate my achievements anymore. She can no longer empathize with me the way she used to. She is obsessed with her odd collection of empty plastic bottles, cereal boxes and tin cans. She collects what I discard—germs and all! I have to scold her for she won't listen

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to my gentle reminders. She insists on going home to a house in Binondo where she was born, grew up and fell in love. But that house is long gone. And so is my grandmother—her mom. She does not believe me when I try to explain these things. She throws a tantrum instead. She thinks I am deceiving her. It breaks my heart. And this happens every single day! I feel like I'm going out of my mind. I feel like a prisoner in a German camp. Now I know what mental torture a mere leaking faucet can induce!

It is ironic that while I can now enjoy being with my mom and talking to her for as long as I want, I'd rather not. I have discovered that it is better to just keep quiet and silently watch her.

I used to hear stories of how hard it is to take care of aging parents. They say it can really test your patience. It can suck out

your time and energy, not to mention money. I'd like to think that I am better off: my mom is not bedridden. Neither does she make a mess of herself—yet. She still walks around our garden, eats by herself, enjoys our pets and tinkers around. But I now realize that it is harder to watch your mom gradually drifting into her own private world. I try to catch the fleeting moments when she still knows that she is my mother. I know that one day she will ask who I am. I dread that day.

Many times as I watch her sleeping peacefully like a child, I scold myself. Though I showered her with material gifts when I still had a regular job, I deprived her of so much: my time, my presence, my attention and in a way, my love. I feel guilty for the stories I did not share with her, the advice I

did not ask from her, the secrets I did not confide in her, the activities I did not enjoy with her. It's sad that when I gained new friends and discovered new horizons in life, there was very little space left for her in my heart...

For those out there who still have your mom—sane and sound—always set aside time for her. Grab every opportunity to bond and show her your love. And let her love you too. Let her continue being a mother to you. Seize the time. One day, she might still be around but you would have already lost her.

The author lives alone with her mother in Novaliches. She is a former executive secretary for a prestigious food corporation in Makati.

Pinoy Connection

By Ruben V. Nepales

A Long Way From Laoag

NE doesn't go to interview Oscar-nominated actor Willem Dafoe and expect to hear "Laoag," "Camp Aguinaldo" and "Ilocos Norte" tumble effortlessly from his mouth.

But here he is in a hotel suite in Los Angeles, making a group of seven journalists, mostly European, scramble to get the names of those places right as the interview veers inevitably towards the acclaimed movies Willem shot in the Philippines: "Platoon" and "Born on the Fourth of July."

Willem does strike the onlooker with his thin, angular face, made more so by a prominent chin. The 46-year-old actor is slim, dressed in a sharp gray suit. He is friendly, pleasant, and magnetic—one easily sees the chameleon qualities that enable him to tackle a variety of roles.

Among his memorable roles are a vampire pretending to be an actor ("Shadow of the Vampire," for which he won his second Oscar best supporting actor nomination; his first was for "Platoon"), poet T. S. Eliot ("Tom & Viv"), spy (Anthony Minghella's Academy winner "The English Patient"), civil rights activist ("Mississippi Burning"), motel creeper (David Lynch's "Wild at Heart") and master counterfeiter ("To Live and Die in L.A.," his breakthrough movie in 1985).

Prodded to recall his filming experience in the Philippines, Willem brightens up and flashes a smile that is neither terrifying nor seductive. "I had a wonderful time," he beams. "I had never been to that part of the world so to be there as a young man made the Philippines very close to me. I was there during the People Power revolution. My plane was the last plane in. When I woke up in the morning, I opened the drapes of my Manila Garden Hotel window. I looked down and there were tanks on the street and I went, 'Oh my God!' I turned on the radio and it was happening. There were no planes out. And then I got a phone call saying, 'The film's off, sit tight, we'll get you out when we can.' I checked it out. I went out in the streets. I was with the people at Camp Aguinaldo. It was incredible."

The filming of "Platoon" eventually went through in the jungles of Pagsanjan and Cavite. Oliver Stone returned to the Philippines with Willem and Tom Cruise to shoot "Born on the Fourth of July" in Laoag, Ilocos Norte. That was over a decade ago but Willem still remembers the names of these locations and pronounces them with ease.

On working with the director both admired and ridiculed



for his conspiracy theories ("JFK"), Willem says, "Let's talk specifically about 'Platoon.' It was a great experience. Oliver was a respected screenwriter but he had only done 'The Hand' and 'Salvador,' which was a very good movie but it didn't really get much play in the States. He was virtually an unknown as a director. He had no big stars except Tom Berenger. 'Platoon' was a movie about Vietnam in Rambo-era images. I thought it was going to be this crappy little movie that might get misidentified and then end up on the video shelf next to kung fu movies. I

really thought that was what might happen.

"But I wanted to do it because he was so interesting and so passionate about what he's going to do," continues the Wisconsin native. "It sounded like a great adventure. I liked the script and I knew it was going to shoot in the Philippines. All those things were attractive to me. The actual shooting was a huge adventure. It was a total immersion. There were all these young guys who have never done movies before so they were totally open. Once we really committed to training and being out in the middle of nowhere in the Philippines, it really triggered an intense experience of immersion. You had Oliver who was dying to tell the story, leading the charge. It was really an exciting experience."

This actor known for his impressive filmography reportedly squirmed at the fact that he now has his own action figure. Why did he say yes to play a comic book character, an outlandishly costumed creation of legends Stan Lee and Steve Ditko? "I was attracted to playing a broad character like the Green Goblin because you had to invent the style of the character," he responds. "There was really no model for it. You didn't know what he sounds like, how he moves—all that stuff had to be invented. And the Norman Osborn character (the Green Goblin's alter ego), is interesting. Playing a father, a driven capitalist, an ambitious man—it's so much like me and it's so much unlike me." A yogi, Willem is always in shape and ready to do the kind of stunts he did opposite star Tobey Maguire in "Spider-Man."

Willem does not depend solely on movie acting for fulfillment. He explains,

"I also have a whole other life. Eighty percent of the time I'm working at a small, poor underground theater." That would be The Wooster Group, a theater troupe that he co-founded with Elizabeth LeCompte, his girlfriend since 1977 (they have a college-age son, Jack). With this "most avant of avant-garde theater companies," Willem gets to appear in esoteric plays like "To You, The Birdie!" and "The Hairy Ape," one of a group of expressionist plays from Eugene O'Neill. After this interview and his attendance at the Los Angeles premiere of "Spider-Man," Willem and his fellow Wooster performers flew to London, Istanbul and Brussels to stage "To You, The Birdie!"

"The theater (career) existed before the movies and it continues to be what I do day to day more than the movies. My love of theater and performing is derived mostly from being with the people and the work of The Wooster Group," rhapsodizes the college dropout whose seven siblings became lawyers and doctors. After leaving University of Wisconsin, he toured Europe with a theater group for two years and then landed in New York. "We've been doing this for 25 years. We always work as if the show we're working on were the last. I'm shocked about how vital it is after all these years. It gets more and more vital so I can't imagine not working in the theater. I look forward to being 90 years old and having them wheel me up on the stage."

As a parting shot, Willem mentions a plus factor in working and living in New York with his stage troupe. "There's a Filipino restaurant nearby so I'm always reminded of the Philippines," he says with that toothy grin. "The Philippines is truly a very dear place in my heart."

"Spider-man's"

Green Goblin

Willem Dafoe

recalls his Philippine

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Survivors' Tales

By Fe B. Zamora

Living to Tell Her Tale

Did she stage her own kidnapping? Or was broadcast journalist Arlyn de la Cruz really abducted in Zamboanga on January 19 this year by what she describes as a composite group of integrees? Skeptics had their day even after a tearful Arlyn was finally released on April 27, wearing the requisite marks of her ordeal. Could Arlyn, who had previously sold her exclusive stories on the Abu Sayyaf to the wires, be after international exposure to publicize the book she's writing on this Muslim secessionist group?

A likely story, but for the most unlikely reason. If Arlyn craved media mileage, it was only to catch the attention of one man: her father.

Arlyn met her father for the first time in late 1997. There were no formal introductions, no tearful embraces. Armando Villanueva de la Cruz, a Filipino sailor with the United States Navy, had returned home for the funeral of his father Melchor in Cavite. "I remember meeting this man, in his 50s, *jeprox magsalita, bungisngis*." (He was talking like a hippie and giggled a lot).

Maybe it was "*lukso ng dugo*" or sheer curiosity. Armando joined Arlyn on the way back to her Novaliches apartment. He met Arlyn's daughter Katrina, saw her plaques and citations as a broadcast journalist and was introduced to her boyfriend Edwin Collantes.

"We spent the night catching up on each other's lives," recounts Arlyn. But mostly they talked about Lydia Manangat, Arlyn's mother. The older De la Cruz had been drinking. Too drunk to get up, he fell asleep on the sofa. Edwin removed Armando's shoes and examined the drunk's toes. "He would later tell me there was no mistaking that Armando

is my father. Our toes are of the same shape, we're both giggly and a bit crazy."

ARLYN was born January 4, 1970 in San Roque, Cavite. Armando, acknowledged as her father in her birth certificate, had refused to marry her mother, Lydia, who eventually moved with her daughter to Olongapo. Armando didn't follow them, and Lydia never mentioned him again.

Arlyn, a frail child, turned out to be smart, graduating salutatorian at the Nellie E. Brown Elementary School and getting honorable mention at the Olongapo City National High School where she was also named "Journalist of the Year." She took up Political Science at the Virgen de los Remedios College, a nondescript school near the gate of Subic. After graduating in 1990, Arlyn took the bus for Manila. She was ready for the Big City.

Her first job was as secretary in a forwarding company at the Port Area. Her dream, however, was to be a journalist. She got her break as reporter with DZBB under Rafael "Paeng" Yabut. In 1992, Arlyn joined ABC-5.

But the biggest story she pursued was that of her father, whose address she traced from friends and kin. She sent him her graduation pictures and clippings about her as journalist, but he never replied.

"That was my burning dream. That he would look for me, and that he would find me, and introduce himself to me," Arlyn says. Having a high-profile profession should make it easier for Armando to find her, she thought.

In 1993, while on coverage in Zamboanga City, Arlyn met a Muslim radical named Ashmad who brought her to Ustadz Abdurajak Janjalani, a Muslim religious scholar who fought in Afghanistan. That same year, Arlyn covered the kidnapping of Spanish priest Fr. Bernardo Blanco by Janjalani's group al-Harakatul-Islamiya, which became known simply as the Abu Sayyaf. In 1994, Arlyn moved to ABS-CBN where she got even wider exposure and the chance to cultivate the Abu Sayyaf as a news source.

After her marriage crumbled in '96, Arlyn returned to Channel 5 while working on her annulment. When Janjalani was killed in '99, his kid brother Khadaffy became the Abu Sayyaf's leader. He was five years younger than Arlyn but they had good vibes, she recalls. In fact, in 1997, when Khadaffy escaped from his Camp Crame prison, he called Arlyn. She got her "scoop" but authorities branded her a threat to national security.

IN March 2000, Khadaffy invited Arlyn to visit the new Abu Sayyaf camp in Basilan. She refused. She had married Edwin that December, and was pregnant. She chided Khadaffy about their kidnapping activities. "Who is your victim this time?" she asked but he did not reply.

Almost a month later, while in Baguio for the Holy Week, Arlyn heard the news about the Abu Sayyaf's raid on the Sipadan resort in Malaysia, taking with them 21 tourists and resort workers. Soon, Arlyn was named by Nur Misuari, then governor of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), as part of the negotiating panel for the Sipadan hostages.

"I did not volunteer," Arlyn clarifies. "The Abu Sayyaf were asked for names and they mentioned three journalists. I was just one of the three." Arlyn boarded the ferry to Jolo where she met Lt. Abe Sirajan, a Libya-

A journalist's journey: (clockwise from top right) Arlyn at the Senate inquiry; Armando with Arlyn's eldest daughter Katrina; in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf



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In the wake of her controversial kidnapping and subsequent release by the Abu Sayyaf, broadcast journalist Arlyn de la Cruz clears the air on all that's been said about her

trained Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) fighter who had been integrated into the regular military. Sirajan's men had cordoned off the Abu Sayyaf and the hostages but allowed Arlyn to get a video of the scene provided she showed the tape to Misuari.

Like fire in the brush, word spread that Arlyn had scooped the rest of the reporters with her exclusive video of the hostages. On May 2, the Sipadan video made it to the news around the world. Arlyn had sold it to Reuters.

From the proceeds of that tape, Arlyn invested in a desktop computer and began writing a book on the Abu Sayyaf while waiting for the birth of her second child, Nika, who was born in October 2000. In February 2001, Arlyn joined Net 25, the television station of the Iglesia ni Cristo as producer and newscaster. In November of the same year, Arlyn hit the news again with the first video shots of Martin and Gracia Burnham, the American missionary couple held by the Abu Sayyaf in Basilan.

THE first call came at about 4 a.m. It was Arlyn. "Please call me at this number," she begged. The number was 0919-592-0108. Arlyn asked for phone numbers and a load for her cellphone. "Please help me," she kept saying.

Arlyn had carefully planned this fateful trip in December. Her initial itinerary included Cotabato City, a ferry to Jolo then to another island where Khadaffy Janjalani would be waiting. "I will disappear for five days, maybe seven. It depends on his location, and the signal."

On January 19, she left for Zamboanga with a crew from Net 25 and a team from CBS to document her activities. CBS bought the Burnham tape, and had shown it in the US with clips of the journalist who got the video.

Arlyn maintains her trip to Jolo was a secret. She left the CBS team at the Orchid Garden in Zamboanga while she went to an Iglesia ni Cristo chapel to put on her disguise. An INC fellow bought her ticket for M/V Crystal Jane, which left at 8 p.m. It was an overnight trip. She had a cabin with two double decks. "I was alone and I fell asleep. When I woke up, there was a man on the bunk."

Arlyn's mobile phone rang at 8 a.m. The number was known only to Khadaffy. Sure enough, it was Khadaffy with instructions. A young man appeared, picked up Arlyn's

bags, and off they went to Tanjung, leaving behind the man in the cabin. Arlyn wanted to leave Jolo by noontime. Her guide left to look for a pump boat they could hire for P10,000. By nightfall, Arlyn, her guide and a back-up started walking to the beach.

"I had this strange feeling, *parang kabado*, but I thought I was just excited to see Khadaffy," she says. It was a full moon, she recalls. Then about 30 men pounced upon them. She was pulled away from her guide. "I heard him shout 'Allahu-akbar.' I knew he was going to die." The men ransacked her bag. Where's the money, they asked.

"They were looking for the ransom money. *Dala-dala ko raw*." Then someone threw her a *malong*. Undress, she was ordered. "They thought I hid the money." When they found none, they searched her for electronic devices. The armed men, some with the Tabak Division insignia on their uniforms, accused her of three major crimes: that she was helping Sen. Panfilo Lacson "run" the Abu Sayyaf, that she was a mistress of Khadaffy and that she was an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The group broke up. Arlyn was left with seven men who brought her to an island. One of the men told her: "*Sampung araw kitang hinintay. Dumating ka rin, hayop ka!* (I waited for you for 10 days, you bitch!)." "It was the man at the cabin," Arlyn recalls.

The group's leader was Noel, an integree, and the rest were civilian assets of the military, she adds. "I asked what they wanted, why they were keeping me. Apparently, they didn't know what to do with me either." Noel, she says, told her their order was to kill her, "but he didn't want to do it." They returned to Jolo and later moved on to Marungas islet where Arlyn was introduced as Noel's wife. Meantime, her captors had allowed her to seek help and find people who can raise her ransom money. Her efforts proved futile. Word had spread in Jolo that she was being held in Marungas. A man came and warned Noel about Arlyn. "*Asawa yan ng heneral. Baka mapahamak ang mga tao dito sa isla* (She's the wife of a general and could spell trouble for us here in the island)" The group decided to go back to Jolo.

Here, the first group of abductors caught up with Arlyn and brought her to the foothills. She was blindfolded. "I was stripped and pushed into a hole in the ground. I felt water in my back. Somebody was pissing on me," she recounts. "I thought, this is it. I'm going to die." She could hear arguments in Tausug. After what seemed like eternity, Arlyn felt a hand pulling her up from the ground.

Alias Lakandula was a clerk for the MNLF panel in the peace talks with the government in 1996. He was also an intelligence officer on Misuari's staff. He told Arlyn they met during the final phase of the peace talks. "I couldn't remember him, but I was thankful he remembered me," says Arlyn.

